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SCHOOLS BLOW FOR ONE IN FIVE

ONE in five Wolverhampton pupils have missed out on their first choice secondary school placement for September, figures show.

Twenty per cent of 10 and 11-year-olds who applied for a place were not offered their top selection, Wolverhampton City Council has confirmed.

By Tim Spiers

The figures represent an increase of one per cent on last year. Of those missing out on first preference, 94 per cent were given one of their other choices.

The city's education chief, Councillor Phil Page, said: "We want as many of our young people as possible to secure a place at one of their preferred schools. I am pleased the number of pupils who achieved a place at their first choice secondary school has increased this year.

Popular

"We have a lot of extremely popular schools in Wolverhampton and therefore there are always going to be parents and pupils disappointed because they haven't got a place at the school they wanted.

"We are, however, operating waiting lists over the coming months, while parents who are unhappy with the place allocated to their child can also appeal to an independent panel."

Across the Black Country, 79 per cent of pupils got their first choice place, while in Staffordshire the figure was far higher at nearly 95 per cent.

But of the 7,409 applications made for transfer in Staffordshire, 7,038 of parents have been allocated their first preference school, with 98 per cent allocated one of their top three choices.

Staffordshire County Council's learning and skills boss, Councillor Ben Adams, said: "In Staffordshire we have an excellent track record of achieving well above the national average for first preferences."We know the admissions process can be quite daunting for a lot of parents, as we do as much as we can to make the process as easy as possible."

Distance

In Dudley, 82 per cent of youngsters got their first preference and just 74 per cent did in Sandwell.

Dudley's children's chief, Councillor Tim Crumpton, said: "I am pleased the majority of parents have been allocated a place at a school of their choice.

"Unfortunately, there is inevitably some disappointment for a few families, particularly where parents have selected popular schools some distance from their home.. For those few children who are not getting any of their preferred schools, we have been able to allocate them an alternative within a reasonable distance."

Walsall Council said it would release its figures tomorrow

Training pupils make a Bolt for it

Deansfield students Kiesha Kilomwene and Brandon Whetton take on the virtual Usain Bolt sprint simulator

Students at a Wolverhampton school raced against a virtual Usain Bolt when the school sports hall was transformed into a professional athletics gym.

A team of science education specialists gave around 150 pupils from Deansfield Community School a taste of the training regimes endured by top athletes.

To create a professional feel the Deans Road sports hall was fitted out with a range of equipment used by athletes preparing for a tilt at Olympic gold. And some brave souls took on 100m and 200m world record holder Bolt in 'The Accelerator' sprint simulator.

Housed in a giant, inflatable domed tunnel the machine features a strip of LED lights that flash in sequence at Bolt's breakneck pace, with students left desperately trying to hang on to his coat tails over a 20m dash.

Reactions

The equipment also included sprint timing gates, a Batak Wall, to test reactions and peripheral vision, state of the art rowing machines and a Wattbike machine that gives cyclists a real life feel of travelling over just about any terrain. Students' ball throwing proficiency was measured with a speed gun and their flexibility and co-ordination was tested using the Hexagon agility test.

The session was run by Classroom Medics, a firm based at Wolverhampton Science Park, and was aimed at giving students an insight into how their body works, their own physiology and how and why to keep fit and healthy.

James Hearn, head of PE at Deansfield School, said: "It was a real eye opener which totally engaged and motivated them."

Cleaning blitz of streets in city centre

A TWO-MONTH blitz of Wolverhampton's streets has started with every single road in the city to be cleaned as part of a £200,000 operation.

Extra street cleaners are being hired, including one based by Wolverhampton Railway Station, every day from dawn onwards in a bid to make the city more attractive to visitors.

Chewing gum and dog mess will be targeted in particular by the Wolverhampton City Council campaign, called Operation Spring Clean.

Competition

It was run for the first time last year but bosses said this year's was 'bigger and better' as they make a concerted effort to create a cleaner Wolverhampton.

A specific six-month campaign concentrating on the city centre is ongoing.

But Operation Spring Clean will see every street in every council ward cleaned in just two months.

A competition for city schools will be launched to design a poster urging people to pick up litter and dog mess. The winning entry will be put onto the side of all the city's bin lorry fleet.

There will be extra sweepers on main roads and city centre early-evening cleans.

Mayor is to stand down

WOLVERHAMPTON Mayor Mike Heap has announced he will be standing down as a councillor from May.

Councillor Heap, who is 10 months into his tenure as mayor, has been a member of the city council for 16 years.

The Liberal Democrat councillor, 80, who serves the Spring Vale residential area, said it was the right time to call it a day.

"It's been a great pleasure serving the people of Wolverhampton," he said.

Appeal for witnesses over car in ditch

WITNESSES are being urged to come forward after a young woman was left seriously injured after a car crashed into a field.

The accident was at about 12.55am on Sunday when a 21-year-old motorist veered off Bridgnorth Road in Compton and rolled into a ditch.

Nearby residents used a bucket of water to put out the flames before emergency services arrived. The woman was in a serious but stable condition in hospital.

The road from the junction of Martham Drive to the Shell garage near Bramstead Avenue was closed for eight hours while specialist collision reconstruction staff from West Midlands Police examined the road for clues.

Stopped

Sgt Alan Wood from the Regional Collision Investigation Unit at West Midlands Police said: "Drivers who stopped to help at the scene have been spoken with but I'm keen to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the actual crash.

"I'm hopeful that someone will have seen the car either immediately before the incident, if not the crash itself. Those people may hold vital information for us."

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Extra £11m of cuts approved

AN extra £11 million of savings which Wolverhampton City Council needs to make by 2019 have been approved by council chiefs.

The figure is now £134m cuts instead of £123m. The cabinet, formally approved the latest budget and it is due to go to full council for approval this week.

A host of cuts and savings first mooted last October including neighbourhood wardens getting the axe have now been given the green light.

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Mother claimed for children in care

A BENEFITS cheat wrongly claimed £18,000 after failing to disclose that her two children had been taken into the care of the local authority.

The mother, from Ettingshall, claimed the money over nearly two years and told Wolverhampton Magistrates Court she had spent it on furnishing her flat and buying children's clothes in anticipation of their return. She pleaded guilty to being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent payment of tax credits and dishonestly failing to notify changes that would affect entitlement to child support.

The court heard that she had 'dishonestly claimed a significant amount', but it was added her claims were not dishonest from the outset and that she had already started to pay the £18,000 back through benefit sanctions.

She was ordered to abide by a curfew that restricts her from going out between 5pm and 5am on Friday and Saturday evenings for six months, as well as being fined £160 and told to pay the £18,000 back.

The money was collected between December 2011 and November 2013. Miss Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said the mother's initial explanation for continuing to claim the benefits was that she had 'forgot' to inform the HMRC that her children had been taken into care.

Defence solicitor Mr Martin McNamara said that the money was spent on clothing and furnishings for a flat she had moved intoin the hope that one day they would return to her.

Racecourse in running to host the City Show

THE historic City Show could move away from West Park for the first time in 43 years. Organisers are considering hosting the annual July event at Wolverhampton Racecourse.

At its peak the show has attracted crowds of 80,000 and was first held back in 1972. It is believed the potential move would save much-needed cash as the council looks to save £134m by 2019. But a former mayor warned that the move could be the death of the famous old show if bosses don't get it right.

Other benefits of moving to the racecourse are that it could hold indoor stalls and activities as well as outdoor.

And the long-standing issue of cars clogging streets around West Park wouldn't be a problem at the racecourse.

But it would be a huge break in tradition.

Charges

And a former organiser of the show said bosses would have to put on a spectacular event to attract crowds to a new venue.

Councillor Malcolm Gwinnett said: "Naturally everybody would prefer it to be at West Park but I can understand why they're looking at moving it.

"When we used to get 80,000 people there it was the best regional event in the West Midlands, without question. It was the show to come to.

"If they're moving it to a new venue they've got to get it right or it will be the end of it. It needs to be spectacular to make sure people turn up and I really hope it's a big success."

The show – free to attend until charges were first introduced two years ago – was given a rebrand last year when it was called the Wolverhampton and Black Country Show to coincide with Black Country Day. The name of the show is also still being discussed.

Charity to open first superstore

COMPTON Hospice is to open its first superstore. The Wolverhampton-based charity is opening a shop in Garrick Street in the city centre.

It has 24 shops dotted around the Black Country but this will be the first to encompass everything under one roof.

It will feature different departments include clothing, media centre, furniture, bridal department and home and electrical goods.The store will be based underneath Faces nightclub and will also have a kids corner.

Bosses said increased demand for services has led to the shop being built as part of a new five-year strategy.

Ed Blackwell, manager of the new superstore, said: "This is a really exciting time for Compton Hospice.

"The Garrick Street superstore is like no other shop we have opened before – it will have absolutely everything under one roof including clothing, furniture, homeware, electrical items, brick-a-brac, books and new goods.

"The mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Mike Heap, will cut the ribbon to open the superstore on March 12.

Hasan's sure-fire success

Hasan Shah with his letter and book after winning a reading competition

YOUNG Hasan Shah wanted to improve his reading so he could learn about the Great Fire of London.

Little did he know though that he would beat 40 other pupils across the Black Country in a reading competition and receive a signed Tony Robinson book.

Hasan Shah, a six-year-old pupil at Spring Vale Primary School, Wolverhampton, recently took part in the Reading Recovery Intervention scheme.

Each pupil taking part had to write a postcard about why they liked reading and Hasan decided to reveal it was because he was able to research The Great Fire of London on his own.

His entry won and being the winner, he starred in a video showing him reading.

The video was sent off to Sir Tony Robinson for him to watch.

To Hasan's delight Sir Tony replied last week, sending him a letter, a signed photo, a certificate and a signed copy of his 'Bad Kids' history book.

Warning to drivers in crackdown on cruising

MORE than a dozen car cruisers have been targeted in the first crackdown by cops after tough new rules banning race meetings on a main route through the iBlack Country.

Police were out in force on the Black Country Route in Bilston, Birmingham New Road, Wolverhampton and in areas of Walsall, Darlaston and Dudley on a major operation to enforce a new injunction.

Promoting

They hit car cruising hotspots during a four hours operation and said 15 drivers were told if they were caught again they could be arrested and face a jail sentence.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils to work with West Midlands Police to three year injunction from the High Court in Birmingham in December.

It stops people from participating in a 'car cruise' anywhere within the Black Country or from promoting, organising or publicising any car cruising event within the same area.

The ban follows complaints from residents. Anyone affected is urged to call Police on 101.

Taking plunge to aid charity

SWIMMERS in Wolverhampton are being invited to take the plunge in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

A swimathon is taking place in hundreds of pools around the country, including WV Active Central in Bath Avenue and WV Active Bilston-Bert Williams between April 17-19.

The event is the UK's biggest fundraising swimming event with thousands of people set to take part in 1.5km, 2.5km or 5km distances or team challenges over 1.5km or 5km. Details on 01902 551010 or visit www.swimathon.org

Theatre appeal

A NEW Wolverhampton theatre group wants performers for two musicals.

The Green Room Theatre Academy aims to put on shows featuring performers aged from eight to 18.

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Fines are joke, says boss at New Cross

THE boss of New Cross Hospital has labelled under performance fines as 'a joke'.

David Loughton spoke out after poor A&E performances throughout January resulted in another huge fine for the hospital.

The trust which runs the hospital has been handed a £164,600 bill for missing targets last month.

In total 9,437 people attended the unit during the month, up 328 from a year earlier.

Staff saw 87 per cent within four hours – the target is 95 per cent – leading to a £115,000 fine.

And 132 ambulances had to wait 30 minutes or longer to leave the hospital, landing a fine of £49,600.

Disgusted

But Mr Loughton said he was disgusted with the situation."It's an absolute joke," he said. "It's a joke because of what we have had to deal with in recent times.

"It is also a joke because when these fines came into place they (the Government) thought we were somehow attracting people to come to hospital but we are not, they just turn up and we have to deal with it."

Work due on danger wall

WORK was due to start on repairs to a dangerous retaining wall that has caused a city road to be closed for more than two years.

The Avenue in Penn will be sealed off to motorists and pedestrians for 16 weeks while workers fix the wall, which was deemed unsafe after it started to hang over the road.

Access to The Avenue will be restricted to residents and visitors during the work.

Councillor Paul Singh, who represents Penn, said: "We are delighted the work is due to start.""

Yummy gesture

A BAKERY in Bilston has made a yummy gesture to those visiting a hospice.

Poundbakery donated a supply of its hot cross buns to St Giles Hospice where visitors have been encouraged to leave a donation in exchange. The bakery is on Market Way.

Under used hospital link bus may be axed

A NEW and free bus service which takes surgery-bound patients from Wolverhampton to Cannock costing £200,000 a year could be scrapped after just six months because it is barely being used.

The X68 service launched only three weeks ago but hardly any patients or members of the public are using it.

The service, run by Arriva, is for patients who need non-emergency surgery at either site and is part of Wolverhampton's £30 million takeover of services at Cannock.

Any patient who is attending an appointment or requiring minor surgery at either hospital can travel on the bus free. It is also free for staff members to use with relatives of patients or other members of public having to pay to use it.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust pay for the service to be run.

When the announcement was made that buses would be running between the sites last year - New Cross Hospital chief executive David Loughton said he had 'no doubts' it would be a success. But at an NHS board meeting held last week, Mr Loughton told fellow board members it was a case of 'spot the passenger'.

Speaking later he said: "This has always been a concern because I've experienced this before when I was chief executive at Coventry and Rugby and was forced into putting on a bus service between the two sites which proved to be a white elephant.

"When you start consultation procedures everybody starts talking about transport and you then are pushed into using a service which nobody uses.

"We are transferring more activity in the next few weeks and it will be interesting to see what happens because we are paying for that bus service.

"It is being used by staff but by very few patients and hardly any members of public which is not great. In all fairness I will give it another six months and see how things go."

The launch of the bus service has been controversial from the word go.

A consultation, which was extended after complaints that people were not being allowed to have their say, revealed around 70 per cent of respondents had high levels of concern about the project, particularly around transport.

10,000 days lost to be bed blockers in just one month

TEN thousand days were lost to bed blockers in West Midland hospitals in just one month, new figures reveal.

In Staffordshire alone patients had to spend 2,498 days in hospital unnecessarily because their discharge or transfer was delayed, new figures show.

There were some 4,771 delayed days in Birmingham. The worst area in the Black Country was Sandwell with 970 days, while Dudley had 955, Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital 877 and Walsall 263.

Reasons for the hold-ups include waiting for beds to become available in care homes and delays in patients' houses being fitted with equipment such as rails and stairlifts.

Health bosses argue that work is being done to get patients moved through the system more quickly. And they say the figures for December reflect a busy month when resources were under severe pressure.

Norovirus

The figures also include people having mental health treatment. It comes as 4,000 beds are being blocked across the country each day, with campaigners saying there is a problem with getting elderly people back into the community.

Bosses in Wolverhampton say New Cross Hospital was hit by a norovirus outbreak and an increase in the number of elderly patients being admitted.

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Foundation Trust deputy chief operating officer Tim Powell said: "This was a period of heightened activity at the trust. We had an increasing number of elderly patients in hospital requiring complex packages of care and support in the community.

Support us, plea as work hits trading

THE owner of one of Wolverhampton's oldest businesses has appealed for support as roadworks threaten trade.

John Henn, owner of jewellery store T A Henn, spoke out as city centre roadworks work started as part of a £1.6m project to improve pedestrian access in and around the main areas.

The latest work will see a section of Princess Street closed for about four months with out-of-hours road closures for Market Street and Garrick Street.

Wolverhampton City Council wants to attract more visitors and boost investment by making the city centre more pedestrian-friendly. But the two-year project has caused big disruption with businesses complaining of loss of trade.

And Mr Henn, whose store is situated on Princess Street said: "Already we have seen a clear drop in trade which has gone beyond our original expectations. We want as much moral support from shoppers as possible to let people know we are still open for business."

Helpers on board for charity sleep

In the box is Debra Walton and Grace Heeley with Beverley Momenabadi and Daniel Collett

DOZENS of brave people will be swapping their comfortable beds for cardboard boxes in the hope of raising thousands for charity.

The YMCA Black Country Group is taking part in a Sleep Easy night tomorrow - but it is definitely not how it sounds. Instead of cosying up to their normal beds and pieces of comfort, entrants will be sleeping outside the University of Wolverhampton between 7pm -7am.

Previous participants have included Black Country MP Tom Watson, and fundraiser Blind Dave Heeley. This year will see Wolves defender Danny Batth

Sleep Easy is a national YMCA campaign which sees politicians, celebrities and ordinary people sleeping under the stars to raise money and awareness about youth homelessness.

Last year the charity had more than 100 participants sleeping out in cardboard boxes across the Black Country, raising more than £4,000 for the YMCA Moving Forward Fund which enables young people to move on in their lives by providing not only practical things that make a house a home but also accessing employment and training opportunities and even helping them to move on emotionally.

Anyone can take part but under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is over 18.

Contact Grace Heeley on grace.heeley@ymcabc.org.uk or call 01902 371 550.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drink driver gets a two-year ban

A DRINK driver was disqualified for two years after driving while two and a half times over the limit.

Jason Brealey, of Collingwood Road, Bushbury, was found to have 83 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath while driving home on January 28.

Brealey said he could give no explanation for his actions due to a head injury suffered in the last year but admitted drink driving.

He was fined £215 including costs and told his ban could be reduced if he completed a drink drivers programme.

Repairs to close road for a month

A ROAD in Wolverhampton was due to close for more than a month while roadworks take place.

Renton Road in Oxley will not fully reopen until March 31. Work is being undertaken by Wolverhampton City Council to resurface the road. The road will be closed between 8am and 4pm and diversions will be in place.

First Renton Road will shut between Oxley Moor Road and Sheldon Road then Sheldon Road to Probert Road will close.

Man, 41, faces ill treatment trial

A MAN is accused of manhandling residents with mental health issues.

Neil Prince, 41, of Masefield Road, Wolverhampton, is charged with using excessive force when dealing with three people at The Coach House Care Home. At Wolverhampton Crown Court, he denied three counts of ill treating or neglecting a person lacking in mental capacity. He was bailed to stand trial.

Appeal over art tonic for patients

HEALTH bosses are looking for artwork to display at their new emergency care centre.

Chiefs at New Cross in Wolverhampton want nature-themed art to create a 'healing hospital environment'.

Go to www.royalwolverhamptonhospitals.nhs.uk/artsinhealth/home for details. Deadline is May 8.

Rhythm and booze

A SUMMER music and beer festival is to be staged at Wolverhampton Rugby Club.

The event on June 13 is being called Rhythm and Booze. For tickets, £10, go to www.therobin.co.uk

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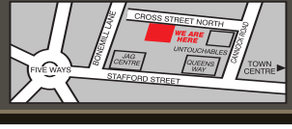

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

NO, I'm not a racist. I just like throwing black people off trains. The more we learn about the Chelsea fans in the Paris Metro, the stranger it gets.

FOR 800 years the Black Death has been blamed on rats. Now, scientists in Norway believe the plague was spread by gerbils, not rats. We are collectively guilty of eight centuries of historic rat abuse. It is time for royal pardons, an apology in Parliament, compensation and a full public inquiry with a sympathetic chairman. Over to you, Roland.

THE most wince-making moment in Malcolm Rifkind's chat with bogus lobbyists is when he declares that, because he is a former foreign secretary, he can arrange "useful access" to ambassadors everywhere. I doubt it. There is nothing as ex as an ex-minister. Ambassadors want to talk to today's supremo, not yesterday's man. Messrs Rifkind and Straw might get invited to the ambassador's party – but only to hand out the sweeties. Why, Malcolm, you are spoiling us with these Ferrero Rocher . . .

BACK in 1969 the hit by Blue Mink, Melting Pot, was the last word in politically-correct sentiment, cheerfully looking forward to a time when all the races would be mixed into one coffee-coloured world. Part of the blend would be "Curly Latin kinkies, mixed with yellow Chinkees." A few days ago, the local radio station BBC Three Counties played a few lines of Melting Pot before presenter Iain Lee warned listeners: "I think it might be a little bit racist now" and pulled it. The mistake we always make is assuming that today's progressive attitudes are the last word and will endure for ever. They won't. Just as we wince at Melting Pot, so our grandchildren will be horrified at the things people said and did back in 2015. Today's well-meaning liberals are tomorrow's figures of scorn.

JOHN Prescott's promotion to become Ed Miliband's climate-change boss reinforces my hunch that Labour is aiming to win the General Election with the votes of people who cannot remember anything that happened more than five years ago.

I EXPECTED the angry tirade from older readers at my suggestion that pensioners have never had it so good. But I was shocked by the reader who wants to see rampant inflation "so my money in the bank will earn more," even though he accepts younger people with mortgages would have to pay for it. Ah, the dignity of the elderly.

AND if pensioners don't think they've never had it so good, when was it better?

THINGS to do on a rainy day. I picked up an old, much-thumbed copy of Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K Jerome which fell open at the tale of the great German singer Herr Slossenn Boschen. It is too long to explain here but is one of the funniest anecdotes in the English language. But when you read it, because the language is so polished, you tend to assume the writer was a middle-class Londoner with a posh accent. Jerome was born in Walsall and, to his dying day, spoke with what one observer called "a Black Country snarl."

THE problem with men of God dabbling in politics is that they are so accustomed to their word being law that they don't expect people to question it. But we live in questioning times and, for those online, questioning has never been quicker and easier. So when the Church of England piously declared that no-one should earn less than the "decent" £7.85 per hour living wage it took only a few minutes to reveal that some cathedral jobs pay a measly £6.50 an hour. Blessed are the unwired for they shall not Google.

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Breaking world record will be a Blast

LEGENDARY club night Blast Off will make a grand return this month to welcome its one millionth customer and break a world record.

The indie night, where a generation of music fans from the West Midlands spent their Saturday nights for nearly 20 years, is hoping to reach the achievement when it comes back for one night only on Saturday, March 28.

After what was intended to be the club's last ever night saw revellers pack out the Civic Hall in March last year, a Christmas reunion event sold out in less than a day.

The millionth customer milestone would be passed with an equally healthy turnout this time around and promoter Dave Travis is in touch with the Guinness Book of World Records to get the night listed as the most popular club night in history should it do so.

He said: "I am obsessed with facts and figures and with people still calling for us to bring Blast Off back all the time. I decided we deserved to pass such an incredible milestone.

"This is something for not just the Civic and the team behind the night to be proud of, it is an achievement for the city of Wolverhampton. There hasn't been a club night in New York, London or Paris that has had this longevity and support.

Mr Travis has kept track of entry numbers since the very first Blast Off night, on September 21, 1996, meaning he will know who the millionth customer is. He will be working with the Civic to organise a prize for the lucky customer.

Internet man tricked girls into posing naked

A TEENAGER is facing a lengthy jail term after tricking young girls into posing naked over the internet in exchange for fake modelling contracts and gifts.

Adam Cooke preyed on six victims by using fake Facebook accounts he had set up in the names of girls including 14-year-old singer songwriter Lauren Thalia, who made the semi finals of Britain's Got Talent in 2012, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

By Lisa O'Brien

The 18-year-old, of Willenhall, told the girls, aged between 11 and 14, he could get them modelling contracts and a meet and greet with One Direction in return for posing naked over their webcams.

Mr Glyn Samuel, prosecuting, said it had been a 'short-lived but planned campaign' by Cooke to gain sexual gratification.

Tip-off

In August 2013, officers from the child online safeguarding team sought the assistance of police to serve a search warrant on Cooke's address following a tip-off. They seized a computer and Cooke was later arrested.

At that time Cooke was said to be volunteering as a Scout leader working with children as young as six.

Mr Samuel said police found evidence that girls had been tricked to believe they would be offered modelling contracts if they showed their naked or partially-naked bodies to their webcams so he could watch.

Cooke contacted the girls through the fake accounts and they only spoke to him via typed text. He was found to have downloaded almost 70 indecent images of children, including 22 in the most serious category.

Mr Samuel said he was in possession of around 50 indecent images and videos he had made himself, including five in the most serious category.

Cooke, of Trentham Avenue, Willenhall, admitted eight counts of causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, three counts of possessing indecent images of children and three counts of taking indecent images of children.

Judge Martin Walsh adjourned the case for psychiatric reports and Cooke, who was given conditional bail, is due to be sentenced on April 29. He told him: "A substantial sentence of imprisonment will follow."

Lib Dems' candidate

THE Liberal Democrats have chosen a candidate to contest Wolverhampton South East in the General Election.

Ian Griffiths, aged 47, was born in the city and has cerebral palsy and congestive heart failure.

He volunteers as a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator and now lives in Ludlow. He studied at Penn Hall Special School, Bilston Community College and Springvale Training Centre where he qualified as a cook.Mr Griffiths will contest the seat against sitting Labour MP Pat McFadden. The Conservative candidate is Suria Photay while UKIP's candidate is Barry Hodgson.

Foul! Slab scuppers match

Concrete slab stops play at the Dell Stadium

FOOTBALLERS were left fuming after a match was called off at the last minute because of wet concrete near the edge of the pitch

Dudley Town FC had been due to play Wolves Sporting CFC at the Dell Stadium in Brierley Hill but when players arrived they were told the game couldn't go ahead.

The strip of concrete had been laid as part of work to revamp the pole vault area, which is between the pitch and the athletics track. The referee took the decision to call off the game because barriers put up around the concrete, which hadn't dried, were close to the goal line.

Dudley Council said it was working with the football league to find a new date for the fixture. A spokesman for Wolves Sporting described the incident as 'frustrating', adding: "We had players travel from Swindon, Worcester, Shifnal and Bloxwich to play only to be told as we arrived at the ground that the game was called off."

The club had tweeted after hearing the decision on Wednesday night: "Amazingly our game against @DudleyTownFC has been postponed due to some concrete being laid one foot away from the goal line #Shocking."

Dudley Town FC had also tweeted an apology after the came was called off.

Chairman Steve Austin said he was talking to the council about what happened but declined to comment further. Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member or health, said: "We have had to change the dimensions of our pole vault area following national changes in the rules by UK Athletics.

Put brains to the test at mayor's quiz night

THE Mayor of Wolverhampton is encouraging people to put their brains to the test when he hosts a charity quiz night next month.

Councillor Mike Heap will have the microphone at the ready when the general knowledge quiz returns by popular demand on Wednesday, April 15 in the Mayoral Suite at the Civic Centre.

All proceeds will go to Councillor Mike Heap's chosen charities, Breast Care Nurses Trust Fund, Interfaith Wolverhampton and Mencap Wolverhampton Branch.

Last year's event, held in November, proved a huge success with scores of players enjoying an evening of fun and games which raised nearly £600 for good causes.

Prizes are on offer for the teams finishing first, second and third and also for the team finishing in last place. A host of fantastic prizes will also be on offer in a charity raffle, which has previously includes goodies like Wolverhampton Wanderers tickets, champagne and rounds of golf up for grabs.

Places are available for teams of up to four people, £20 per team, but must be reserved. Call 01902 554090 or email themayor@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Derelict land work praised

AN MP has praised a community group which reclaimed derelict land.

The Jockey Gardeners group, who will soon be celebrating their one year anniversary, have transformed land next to the Horse and Jockey pub in Woodcross, Bilston, turning it into a community garden.

The group aim to turn the land into a place for the community to enjoy, as well as attracting other gardeners to do the same.

Pat McFadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, said:"All those involved have done a wonderful job."

Players plea

WEDNESFIELD Football Club is seeking players to join its new under-8s team for the coming season.

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Frontage of historic city pub will stay

THE frontage of historic Wolverhampton pub The Feathers is being preserved – as university bosses revealed what they are doing with the building.

The University of Wolverhampton will turn the former Wolves match day pub into a staff office building and printing facility. The Feathers in Molineux Street was bought by the university last year.

Bosses originally vowed to revamp the 1940s building as a student facility, but now plans have been submitted to turn it into an office complex featuring a printing service.

The proposals, which have been submitted to Wolverhampton City Council's planning department, outline a complete overhaul of the ground floor.

All external woodwork will be repainted to match the former pub's black and white colour scheme, according to the plans.

University spokesman James Allen said: "We're keen to retain the character of the building and keep it in context with its surroundings."

The pub was a popular haunt for Wolves fans until it closed down early last year.

School plan to expand

A CITY school is set to expand under new plans. Penn Hall Special School has applied to have a new classroom built in its grounds in Vicarage Road, Penn.

A planning application submitted to Wolverhampton City Council says the new therapy suite would allow pupils to receive therapy and learn in a 'new, flexible, creative environment'.

The classroom would be built on a lawned area between the main school building and Penn Hall and would feature one large room with a recessed trampoline at one end.

Gift of an idea

CHILDREN can make something for Mother's Day at Wolverhampton's Wildside Activity Centre.

The event on Saturday, March 7 from 2-4.30pm offers youngsters the opportunity to make a gift or card using natural materials. Details on 01902 572240.

Shops that top wish list for Mander Centre

RETAILERS John Lewis and H&M are at the top of Wolverhampton shoppers' wish list for a revamped Mander Centre.

The new owners of the city's Mander Centre, Benson Elliot, have said they want to change the face of shopping in the centre by getting rid of a perceived 'discount store mentality' as it looks ahead to a £25 million revamp.

The firm is aiming to create a more upmarket feel, replacing 'pop-up' stores, discount stores and empty units with mid to high end fashion shops.

Swedish clothing company H&M topped an online poll asking readers what stores they would like to see introduced when the new management takes over, followed by upmarket department store John Lewis.

H&M was the top choice for around one third of people, making it the clear front runner. Next in line after John Lewis were Urban Outfitters and cosmetics store Lush.

However, readers suggested that Wolverhampton still has a long way to go to compete with other shopping centres in the region.

Daniel Findlay-Benfield wrote: "I think in order to become any sort of competition for nearby Merry Hill or the Bullring, Wolverhampton desperately needs an anchor shopping centre that reflects its status as a city in its own right.

"Not to say discount stores don't belong in the city centre, just maybe not inside a new one.

"This may attract people that may not have shopped here in the past,but also still retaining local shoppers too."

Others claimed that while new stores and a revamped Mander Centre were positives for the city, issues such as free parking around the city centre and changes in shopping culture would make or break plans.

The issue of free parking has been brought up numerous times in the past by councillors and members of the public.

Richard Simcox shared his views, saying: "Wolverhampton is in desperate need of more quality stores, however that is not the golden bullet.

"Better car access, car parking, a roof over Dudley Street and maybe moving the market to the old Sainsbury's building with access via a covered walkway would give shoppers easier access to an all weather shopping experience."

Car parking fees to help fund rail station revamp

CAR-PARKING fees are to be used to pay off a multi-million pound loan needed to get started on a long-awaited replacement for Wolverhampton rail station.

Transport authority Centro and Wolverhampton City Council have been given £4.5 million government growth funding for the £100m project but are still around £20m short.

They want to borrow the money to get it started but need permission from the government.

Geoff Inskip, chief executive of Centro, said the money would be paid back using the fees from car parking, which is set to be doubled to 900 spaces.

Councils have been allowed to borrow money to fund major developments, paying the loans back using income from the businesses that set up there. A major example was the £36.7m slip road at Junction 2 of the M54.

Encouraged

Wolverhampton City Council and Staffordshire County Council are paying off the loan with the business rates from Jaguar Land Rover and other companies on the i54 business park, which were encouraged to build there because of the improved transport link.

Mr Inskip revealed the car park at the rail station will help to finally get the long-delayed development moving.

He said: "We have a proposal going to government saying that we want to take a loan of £20 million.

"We want to repay it out of the car parking. We are providing more car parking and will use the income from that."

Decision on crematoria plans soon

PLANNING applications for four separate crematoriums in South Staffordshire will be decided at the same time this month.

The sites, in Essington, Perton, Wergs and Four Crosses near Cannock, will go before planning chiefs on March 17.

An MP has previously described the situation of having four sites planned at once 'bonkers'. There are currently no crematoriums in South Staffordshire.

Concern

Councillor David Clifft, chairman of Essington Parish Council, said: "This application is of major concern for two communities.

"Although the crematorium if approved would be built on green belt in South Staffordshire, its impact will be felt by two communities - Essington and the neighbouring Mossley housing estate in Walsall.

"The site also neighbours a large primary school.

"I am working closely with elected members of Walsall Council and both sets of residents from the two communities."

Ofsted report points to success

Gavin Williamson MP, with pupils Sienna Cope-Swinnerton and Joseph Wright at St Bernadette's primary

STAFF and pupils at a Wombourne school are celebrating after achieving their best ever Ofsted result.

St Bernadette's Primary School in Wombourne has been rated as good - two years after being told it required improvement by the Government watchdog.

Inspectors hailed the now as being 'totally driven' to become the best it can. The inspection report also said the school was being 'led strongly' by head Jayne Keegan-Hobbs.

Catholic school St Bernadette's, based in Lindale Drive, also had impressive recent exam results for which it received a letter from the Minister for Schools.

Ofsted inspectors found that all 83 pupils achieve well, enjoy improved physical fitness and achieve better than expected progress in reading, writing and mathematics. It praised 'highly effective governors' and said the school had a 'family feel' where 'pupils take their learning seriously'.

The report means that this is a triple celebration as the school had its best ever Key Stage Two SATs results last year and 100 per cent of six-year-olds passed the national phonics screening test for early reading. placing it in the top five per cent of all schools across the country.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson joined in with the celebrations when he dropped in to talk to pupils about his work as a member of parliament.

NEWS IN BRIEF

It's a hat-trick of success for 1D

BOY band One Direction has been named the most successful UK act in the world for the third year running.

The group, featuring Liam Payne from Wolverhampton, found worldwide fame despite losing out in the X Factor in 2010. The band released its latest album, Four, in November and it topped the iTunes chart in 85 countries.

In a statement, the band, currently in the middle of a world tour taking in Australia, Europe, Asia and America, said: " We just want to thank all our amazing fans everywhere.

Burned out boat taken from canal

A BURNED-OUT boat left in a canal has been removed after fears it was becoming an environmental health hazard.

The narrowboat, which had been left near Linthouse Bridge, along the Wyrley and Essington canal, was removed by the Canal and River Trust after concerns were raised by Wednesfield councillor Phil Bateman.

The boat was towed towards Bentley Bridge before being lifted by crane out of the canal.

Real beauty of a charity fundraiser

A BEAUTY salon in Wolverhampton will be hoping to be a cut above the rest when it holds a charity event.

Staff at Beauty Within along the Penn Road are hosting a fundraising event on March 10 in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

The event, from 5-9pm, will include a charity raffle, hair demonstrations, and handbag and jewellery sale. Admission is £5.

Support group to meet at hospital

A SUPPORT group meeting for those who have been affected by breast cancer is to be held.

The Wolverhampton Breast Cancer Action and Support Group meeting, which offers emotional and practical support is on March 11 from 7-9pm in the seminar room of the Deanesley Centre at New Cross Hospital.

Lanes closures

OVERNIGHT lane closures will come into place as a £4.5m metro improvement project continues.It will affect Bilston Road, Bilston Street and Bilston Road Island on a series of days until March 12.

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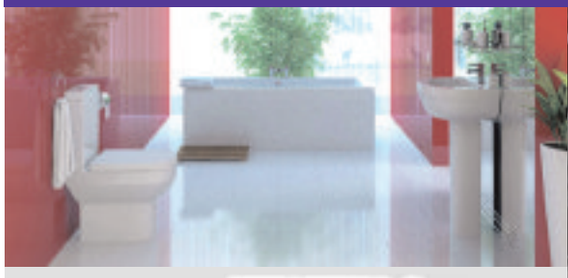

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

A GROUP of around 200 of us stood in the driving rain on a cold night, but there was not a word of complaint.

Most of the crowd were made up of teenagers, who are not noted for being early risers, but there was not a murmur of dissent about having had to get up at 3.30 in the morning.

There is something about Auschwitz which puts our everyday moans into perspective.

Last week, the Holocaust Educational Trust took a party of youngsters from schools across the West Midlands to the notorious Nazi death camp in Poland, and it was a privilege to be able to join them.

Today, many of us think we are reasonably well informed about what went on, but it is only when you stand in the locations where so many people came about their deaths that you can possibly comprehend the enormity of it all.

The scratch marks in the gas chambers, which had been designed to look like shower blocks, where the victims of the Holocaust would have tried to cling to life as they breathed their last.

The masses of human hair, mercilessly shaven from the prisoners to make the lining of soldiers' trousers.

The clinical, Germanic efficiency, which saw every item of the victims' possessions fastidiously sorted and steam cleaned before being redistributed to new owners who were considered more in keeping with National Socialist ideals.

It is too much to try to understand how anybody's conscience would allow them to behave in this way, but everybody should visit Auschwitz at least once in their life.

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WHEN it was reported that new laws would be coming into force this week introducing new limits for drivers taking cough medicine it seemed bizarre.

To be honest my initial thought was it was just another example of politicians and police chiefs hammering motorists for that heinous crime – that is of just driving a car.

Yes we all know these things can make you a little drowsy, but stopping people at the side of the road, asking them if they have been taking cough mixture?

"Hello, hello, hello, is that Benylin I can smell on your breath, sir?"

But to be fair to the Old Bill, it seems they are not looking for people who take these substances for medicinal purposes. Apparently, there are people who take prescription medicine in large quantities just for the enjoyment of it.

The idiocy of mankind never ceases to amaze.

Painting of Wolverhampton (Turner 1796)

In storage – miniature tea set

In storage – a First World War silk postcard

Opening up world of hidden treasure

You'd be surprised what is tucked away below the city's Art Gallery, explains Kimberley Crayton-Brown

AS people wander through the hundreds of paintings and objects on display at the city's art gallery, most are unaware the vast majority of the collection is actually located underneath their feet.

Under 10 per cent of Wolverhampton Art Gallery's complete collection is on display at any one time, with close to 109,000 artworks, sculptures, fossils, books, photographs and archived documents tucked safely away in the Lichfield Street basement stores.

The basement came into use after a new extension to the gallery was built in 2007, giving bosses an opportunity to put items that had previously been scattered in other locations around the city into one place.

Donations

Objects kept by Bilston Craft Gallery and Bantock House Museum were transferred to the ever-growing underground treasure chest, where they remain, kept in mint condition.

The items have made their way into the hands of the gallery in a variety of ways, including donations, handovers from connected galleries and items handed in by the public.

As you make your way down into the basement, nothing can prepare you for what is about to come.

Claire Whitbread, collections development officer, said: "As an art lover, the fact that such a huge variety of beautiful and historic artefacts are kept here is fascinating.

Pop art curator Connie Wan, in the art stores at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

"The city has a rich artistic heritage, but what we keep here isn't just local art, it comes from all over the world. You could spend all day down here and completely lose yourself.

"The sheer amount of items we keep and the range of where they have come from also shows what an impressive reputation this gallery has, we are trusted collectors."

The basement collection isn't closed off to the public, but special arrangements have to be made in order to pay a visit. Those who do get to look around usually do so for research purposes and the collection attracts art lovers from across the globe.

Claire said: "I think the fact we have such a diverse collection means we are bound to get specialist interest from around the world. "We aren't hiding all of this stuff away, it is a proud part of our history that we have managed to amass so much great material.

"Obviously exhibitions require a specific collection of pieces so if anything down here relates to what we have going on then we will dig it out."

The basement is split into six rooms and the first thing you notice upon entering the main room is the hundreds of books on display, dating back to the early 18th century.

These include a Johnson's dictionary from 1794 which is roughly around 15 times the size of a modern day pocket dictionary, books on the history of Wolverhampton Wanderers, art critiques, religious texts, biographies of pop culture figures, novels and historical records.

Claire said: "Plenty of academic researchers get in contact with us because they know about our book collection.

"We also get schools or students who come here because they want to look into a topic and can't find what they want elsewhere."

While the other rooms are more specialised and focus on one collection at a time, the main room is a wildly eclectic mix.

Exhibitions do usually focus on a specific topic but if this room were opened up to the public it would be a popular attraction.

Grenades

Aside from the book collection, locally-made steel jewellery and bikes dating back to the Victorian era sit alongside Japanese swords, antique miniature tea sets and First World War hand grenades.

Everywhere you turn, there is either a quirky item or a breathtaking sculpture to marvel at. Claire said: "It is a great mix of items of local interest and pieces from around the world."

The basement's other rooms include spaces dedicated to Oriental pieces, dolls and toys, vintage China and even a sword collection but perhaps the most interesting piece of all is hidden amongst the thousands of paintings kept framed and hung up in a separate room.

A watercolour painting of Wolverhampton by Joseph William Turner, one of the most revered and loved artists of all time.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

£67,000. That's a lot of money to get every year, isn't it? OK, it's not the salary Wayne Rooney would even bother to lace up his boots for. But it's still not a bad whack.

MPs have argued the toss over second jobs and whether or not they should be allowed to do them. It all seemed to stem from the sting on former Foreign Secretaries Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Jack Straw over 'cash for access'.

Labour will ban all its MPs from second jobs. Is that really necessary? What Sir Malcolm and Mr Straw are accused of is using their positions as MPs in return for money. Both deny any wrongdoing. And that's rather a far cry from what our MPs in the West Midlands do.

Aside from a few hundred quid here and there for appearances on TV and radio programmes, those who make money on the side do it in the professions they held before they became MPs.

Stone MP Sir Bill Cash, for example, made a tidy £25,000 doing 70 hours work as a solicitor. Stafford's Jeremy Lefroy made considerably less doing a few more hours in the African coffee, cocoa and management services company of which he is a director.

Property

Some MPs have a few shares. Others rent out a property here and there. It's not exactly the 2009 expenses scandal is it? But we know about it because the rules require them to declare all this in the Register of Members' Interests.

Ultimately MPs have to make sure they do their duty and serve their constituents. But is it any worse doing a bit of work here and there when Parliament's in recess when compared with being a minister? After all, those MPs carrying the red boxes and getting driven around in the Jaguars still have constituencies just like the backbenchers.

There's another reason, too, that I'd rather see people like Sir Bill and Mr Lefroy keep their hand in with their businesses. For a start it means they keep up their experience outside of the Westminster bubble.

There are enough MPs as it is who have been career politicians – going from university to some form of advisory role and then on to a candidacy – without limiting even further the things they can do. And with a General Election looming, if an MP in a marginal seat severed all ties with their old business I wouldn't think they were dedicated, I'd think they were mad.

I'm going into self-imposed exile as the third series of the American version of House of Cards has been made available on Netflix. So I'm going to forget about the scheming in the Commons by watching the scheming in the White House instead.

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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Derelict area cleaned up in hope of development

A DERELICT former industrial site near Wolverhampton city centre is being earmarked for a major new development.

The former Edward Vaughan stamping works site in Lower Horseley Fields is next to the 'Welcome to Wolverhampton' sign.

Bosses hope to make the area more attractive to future investors and workers are cleaning up the site. It has previously been branded one of the city's worst eyesores.

Wolverhampton City Council has knocked back previous planned developments on the site. Now the local authority is hoping to attract a big-money development for such a key part of the city.

The area neighbours proposed a new Canalside Quarter stretching from Horseley Fields to Fiveways Island as part of a 12-year Wolverhampton masterplan.

Transforming

Council spokesman Tom Hobbins said the former Edward Vaughan stamping works was an important part of the plan.

He added: "The future development at Horseley Fields will play an important part of the regeneration of the Canalside area of the city.

"It will complement multi-million pound projects across Wolverhampton to bring new homes, business and jobs and attract more visitors. These developments are transforming the city but they do not happen overnight and we want to get it right.

"An environmental company is now operating on site to prepare it and ensure it is safe and suitable for development."

Cala Homes applied to build 133 homes on the former Vaughan stampings site in 2007 but permission was refused.

Last year opposition Tory leader Councillor Wendy Thompson called for the site to be redeveloped.

Mounds of rubbish were cleared from the site in 2010 following legal action by the city council. The area had become a magnet for fly tippers.

A city centre cinema and 2,000 new homes form part of the masterplan. It also includes public squares, scores of shops and a supermarket on Stafford Street.

Sitcom sisters' city tour

Caitlin Moran with her sister Caroline Moran, Helen Monks and Alexa Davies at Wolverhampton railway station

AUTHOR Caitlin Moran and her sister Caroline took a specially-invited audience on a magical mystery tour of Wolverhampton as they unveiled their new sitcom which is set in the city.

The sisters have written Raised By Wolves, which was turned into a full six-part series following a well-received pilot episode screened in late 2013.

They arrived at Wolverhampton rail station and took journalists and competition winners on a coach tour of the landmarks that had been part of their lives growing up in the city.

Caitlin, a Times columnist and celebrated author, and Caroline are two of eight siblings who were home schooled by their parents in a council house in Enville Road, Penn.

The coach tour took in Enville Road in Penn where the Morans grew up. It also passed the bus station, Charlie's Fish Bar, the 'man on the horse' and the former Dorchester night club.

Caitlin instructed her passengers that they had to refer to Wolverhampton as Wolves or Wolvo.The Dorchester is the inspiration for the last episode of the series when the girls go on a night out.

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High transport costs hitting the city

I am writing with reference to a bus trip I took on February 17 to Wolverhampton from Bilston. I was shocked how expensive it is to travel to and from Wolverhampton. I had to pay £4.70 for a day saver and £3.10 day saver for my 12-year-old son.

I live in Yorkshire and pay £3 for myself and £1.50 for day savers for myself and son respectively to make a longer journey into Hull city centre.

I can't believe the difference. This does not encourage people to use public transport in Wolverhampton, especially families with young children. Fortunately, I am employed, but I feel sorry for those seeking work and have no other chance but to use public transport.

When I arrived I was surprised to see every other shop was closed down in the city centre. The fact that public transport costs are so high is surely part of the reason why people are not shopping in Wolverhampton.

G TUTTLE
Hull

Shops open – and then gone

QUICK question; what on earth is happening to this once great city? When I moved here seven years ago, the centre was brimming with life.

Now when I walk through, I see empty shops, bars, pubs, clubs and restaurants. Shops can be open one week and gone the next.

When I walk through the Mander shopping centre I see there are more budget clothes shops than there are toy shops. This can't be good for the health of our city. There is a poster in the Mander Centre telling us to 'watch this space'. Well I for one am sick of waiting for change.

L OLIVER
Wolverhampton

Fine drivers who jump red lights

I READ T Howard's letter on traffic lights. My son had an RTA some weeks ago by Bilston Street police station, Wolverhampton.

He'd just moved forward on the green light, when an idiot raced through the red light from the right and wrote my son's car off; he was not badly hurt. The driver at first said it wasn't his fault.

My son asked the police about cameras, and was told the council controlled them.

He phoned and was told it would cost £10 to check each camera.

Luckily the driver has now admitted liability.

Every day I go out I see drivers going through red lights. Chapel Ash is one of the worst areas. All sets of lights should have right filters.

Every set of lights should have a camera and a heavy fine for those who go through on red.

The sales of dash cams are going well, we are going to get one, but the amount of terrible drivers on the roads increases.

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Riots climax to jail incidents

FOR many years I worked for the prison service; it had ups and downs but never to the level it seems to have reached recently.

The riots at Oakwood were beyond belief though they seem to be the climax to a whole series of incidents.

Recently I met a young man who had just left prison, Oakwood, a diabetic who during his sentence had gone blind. Several appointments were not kept due to lack of staff. What was more, very little by way of a release programme was available with minimal after care.

Secondly I met a young man two weeks after release from Stafford Prison whose weight was under five stone. He also had pains in his legs and other joints; his GP was arranging for appointments to see both a cardiologist and a neurologist but some weeks later he died, had no next of kin, but did see his probation officer from time to time.

So it is not only the big issues which need attention but small individual problems also if this is anything to go by.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

FA needs to take action

SINCE seeing the BBC 'highlights' of the recent Chelsea/Burnley match I must admit that Mr Mourinho may have a point about 'bias' against him and his team.

Probably rightly the Chelsea player was sent off. But the FA people who 'run' football have said 'no action' will be taken against the Burnley player as the initial incident was seen by the match officials.

Despite almost everyone who saw the tackle, either live or on TV, being of the opinion that potentially it was either a career threatening assault then why do the FA not take the action they should?

Meanwhile the Chelsea player looks like missing three important matches. To add insult to this it is possible that Mr Mourinho will face charges for his 'cryptic' references with the media after the match. Why?

He gave criticism for what he believed, at the time – and later confirmed seemingly by TV replays – was a 'poor' performance by the match officials.

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These world disasters were not punishment from God

Re: 'Shocked by View of God', February 14 by K Berry

TEN years ago, a quarter of a million people died when the 'beautiful planet', that Ms K Berry claims God gave us to live on, shivered and caused a tsunami. I wonder what life-lesson the people of Banda Acer learned from that?

Actually, I know - their Imams convinced them that it was a punishment from God for not being sufficiently pious.

Now that the survivors are much more devout Muslims, I wonder if the tsunamis will stop?

The dead will learn nothing. Since then hurricane Katrina all but wiped-out a city, Haiti lost another quarter of a million people to an earthquake and more lives have been destroyed in other 'acts of God'.

K Berry believes a story created by goat-herders back in the bronze-age, that's ok, it's her choice, but it does not give her the right to silence those who don't believe it and who may even shock and offend her.

In fact her scriptures say that those so insulted will be the more blessed (Matthew 5:11-12).

Unfortunately, people believing different stories, and being insulted by contrary voices and images, is not conducive to peaceful co-existence.

When you believe, as I do, that: physics gave rise to the universe; chemistry gave rise to biology and that life growing out of this beautiful planet has risen to what we are and see around us today – then the hardships we experience become understandable.

We know that they are not intended, no-one could have prevented them and they are simply obstacles to be overcome. If K Berry's God does exist then I'm with Stephen Fry when he said his first words to Him would be "How dare you!"

K MELLER
Wolverhampton

Toughen up on inmates

I READ with anger the article on HMP Oakwood in Featherstone. The damage and injuries to staff is just not acceptable.

As taxpayers we should not be funding the likes of Oakwood to give inmates the sort of facilities that they have in house for them to abuse. They are in places like Oakwood to serve a sentence for a committed crime and also rehabilitation, which I feel in many cases is just not working.

Now is the time to treat these institutions (prisons) as prisons and let's see inmates punished for committed crimes and not sent to a holiday camp with better facilities than I have access to.

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85,000 families who are living in fuel poverty

MORE than 85,000 families in the Black Country and Staffordshire are living in fuel poverty and cannot afford to heat their homes, new figures reveal.

And campaigners have warned this could lead to 3,600 deaths.

Treating illnesses related to living in cold conditions could also cost the NHS £22 billion over that time, the National Energy Action (NEA) charity said as it called for more efforts by the Government to help people struggling to heat their homes.

Fuel poverty is defined as being unable to afford to heat a home at reasonable cost.

The charity has also calculated that Black Country and Staffordshire residents contribute £60.4 million each year in tax from their energy bills.

Efficiency

The worst hit area is Sandwell, where there are 21,330 homes in fuel poverty, with Wolverhampton second at 18,316, then 18,129 in Dudley, 17,030 in Walsall, 6,772 in Stafford and 4,411 in Cannock Chase.

A report from the charity highlights that the Treasury will raise £28 billion in taxes on household electricity and gas bills over the next decade, and called for Government funds to improve domestic energy efficiency.

Some 4.5 million people are in fuel poverty across the UK, the campaigners warned.

The Manifesto for Warmth report estimates that £2.6 billion will be needed each year to bring all poor households up to a decent level of energy efficiency - band C on the energy performance certificate rating - by 2025.

Legislation by the coalition requires future governments to improve the properties of people in fuel poverty by 2030, but the report said the resources made available so far are less than half what is needed to meet the targets set.

Homeless aid stitched up

Kathy Rowe and Anita Allen, who are helping to knit blankets for the homeless at Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton

KNITTING enthusiasts had news that will warm more than just the heart of some of less fortunate individuals.

They have just completed a batch of woollen blankets to help to keep out the chill for the city's homeless.

Staff and customers of Coats Craft at Beatties, together with members of a knit and chat group that meets twice a week at the House of Fraser city centre store, have joined forces on the project.

They knit woollen squares that are stitched together to make the brightly-coloured blankets.

Kathy Rowe, the Coats Craft concession manager at Beatties explained: "We came up with the idea because many people have scrap wool lying around after knitting something that is not sufficient to make another garment. This might normally be thrown away, so we decided to ask people to use it up knitting a square and the response has been great."

This is the second year they have organised the scheme for a good cause. The first used up light-coloured wool and produced 123 blankets, 10 cardigans and some hats for babies at New Cross Hospital.

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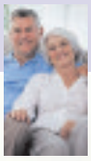

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Pooling pot of £70.9m to improve health care

BUDGETS will be pooled in an effort to develop a joint approach to health and social care in Wolverhampton, creating a £70.9 million pot of cash.

The deal will see Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the city council share resources from the government's Better Care Fund for the 2015-16 financial year.

A report briefing council members on how the fund will be managed will be put forward at a cabinet meeting. The main aim of the Better Care Fund is to bring together health information, staff, money and share risk responsibility.

Reduce

It aims to reduce the number of people needing hospital care by investing more in community-based services and encouraging people to take more responsibility for their own health.

It was announced in December that the Wolverhampton Better Care Fund plan had been approved by NHS England.

Councillor Sandra Samuels, Wolverhampton's health boss, said: "The Better Care Fund is a great opportunity

By Jordan Harris

to get health and social care working together.

"In the past we have said that this is something that needs to be done because separating the two just will not work. We are hoping that the money and this fresh approach will greatly benefit the services we are focusing on."

The money is split between services handled by the CCG, which will receive £48 million and services handled by the council, which will get £22.8 million, with £2.1 million coming from capital grants.

It will be recommended that the council is the accountable organisation for the fund, to improve community and primary care, intermediate care, mental health and dementia.

Appeal over steps to healthier living

Councillor Paul Sweet, who has lost more than four stone since last September

A COUNCILLOR competing in a city-wide fitness challenge is encouraging more people in Wolverhampton to record their own steps towards healthier living.

Councillor Paul Sweet, who has lost more than four stone since September, wants residents who are on a health kick to put their efforts towards the Million Pounds and Million Miles for Wolverhampton challenge, launched last month to help tackle obesity in Wolverhampton.

Councillor Sweet, who was 22st 7.5lbs when he embarked on his weight loss challenge and is now 18st 3.5lbs, said: "These challenges are a great way for our city to collectively do something about the obesity epidemic we are facing by recognising the achievements of people who are getting in shape.

"I have added the 60lbs I have lost and the 719 miles I've completed when I've been working out, and doing so is not only very rewarding but is also helping Wolverhampton get a little bit closer to the magic million mark.

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Apprentice claimed £4k while on college 'pay'

AN apprentice wrongly claimed more than £4,000 in benefits while receiving payment from a college he was studying at.

Reza Mohammadi, of John Street, Wolverhampton, took the money, totalling £4,164, in just under a year through housing benefits and income support, despite receiving payment from Dudley College.

Twenty-year-old Mohammadi, currently seeking asylum in the UK while he continues to study for a level 3 electrical installation qualification at the City of Wolverhampton College, was ordered to pay £240 in fines and told to repay the money he had claimed in benefits.

He pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to notify a change of circumstance that would affect his entitlement to benefits, namely housing benefit and income support. The money was accrued between March 11 2013 and March 16 2014.

Impact

Miss Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said: "The defendant was claiming income support and housing benefits while he was in receipt of payment from Dudley College. He wrongly claimed £4,164 and has so far paid back £453."

The court heard that Mohammadi 'didn't know' he had to tell anyone that he was claiming benefits while being paid to study.

District Judge Graham Wilkinson said the conviction could have a particularly big impact on Mohammadi due to his desire to claim asylum. He said: "I don't believe that you didn't realise you had to disclose these details. You have to tell benefits assessor every change in circumstance that you go through while claiming."

Mr Andrew Wakeman, defending, also said his client didn't believe the money he was receiving from Dudley College was classed as income, leading to confusion over disclosing it to HMRC. Mohammadi's current apprenticeship course entitles him to receive £95 a week.

Diamond duo still sparkling

Diamond anniversary couple Thomas and Lilian Porter from Ashmore Park, Wednesfield with their wedding picture

A FATHER of six from Wolverhampton says he has not looked back since getting married – as he and his wife celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary.

Thomas Porter, 79 and his wife Lillian, 78, from Wednesfield, had a day to remember with the family as the couple celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Mr Porter met his wife-to-be at school in his early teenage years before he plucked up the courage to ask her out after a chance meeting. He said: "I was riding my bike and saw Lillian coming the other way.

"I asked her if she was still at school and she said she was leaving soon so I braved it and said 'well when you do leave I'm going to take you out'. I've not looked back."

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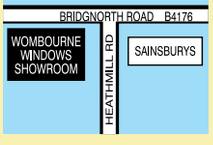

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£1.3bn criminal debts may be 'lost forever'

MORE than £1.3 billion owed by convicted criminals to the taxpayer is unlikely ever to be recovered, the head of the National Crime Agency (NCA) has told MPs.

Wolverhampton-born Keith Bristow confirmed to the home affairs select committee that he only expected about £124 million of the £1.46 billion outstanding from confiscation orders to be clawed back.

It comes after the National Audit Office warned that only 26p of every £100 worth of confiscation orders imposed by the courts is being taken back from criminals.

The Commons public accounts committee has also described the performance of law enforcers at recovering assets as 'rubbish'.

Revamp to football site looks set for kick off

PLANS to revamp the headquarters of one of the region's biggest junior football clubs have been submitted nearly three years after it faced the prospect of being forced out of its home.

By Jordan Harris

Bilbrook Juniors FC, which was founded in 1978 and currently has more than 300 young footballers on its books, is hoping to replace its existing club house pavilion, as well as install new flood lighting and boundary fencing to its base on Wobaston Road.

There are also plans to add a new spectators stand and shelter in what would be a major redevelopment for the club.

Rumours

Club chairman Dave Maydew said: "This is the culmination of work over a number of years. We have been working very closely with the Football Foundation and Staffordshire FA who have been helpful in putting together this application.

"The current pavilion is outdated and would be demolished under these plans, which would be sad from a historical sense but a very positive thing for our future."

The club has been leasing land off Wobaston Road from Wolverhampton City Council for the past two decades.

In 2012, the land was rumoured to be needed as part of the multi-million-pound i54 business park development, leading to fears about the club's future.

However, bosses who were determined to stay put got their wish and the club is looking to sign a new 25 year lease with the council later this year. Mr Maydew said: "The city council have been very helpful to us over the years and we are so appreciative of their support. With the proposed improvements to our facilities and the prospect of a new lease, this is a very exciting time for Bilbrook FC."

The work on the ground is part of their attempt to meet the local authority's demands for more outdoor playing and training facilities in the city.

It has been identified as a priority site for development and support under the council Playing Pitch strategy.But a local resident has voiced his objection due to what changes at the club could mean for those who live nearby.

Mr David Bickley, who lives in Pendeford, said it would increase nuisance, noise and traffic.

"For these reasons I am opposed to the present development plans, although if the plans relocated to the other side of the road to Bilbrook, nearer the i54 development I think I would waive any objections."

However, Mr Maydew has said the changes should not be of concern to residents.

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Booking in for a year of reading

PUPILS will take part in a 'year of reading' festival to promote a love of books.

Author visits, workshops, awards, quizzes and a new book club are planned at Tettenhall College.

There also will be a new 'Starbooks Café' in the prep school, a monthly meeting for pupils to meet and talk about books with a drink and a cookie.

The festival was due to be officially launched last week and will end on World Book Day in 2016.

The fun wsa due to kick off with a visit from Tom Palmer, author of football and rugby-related stories.

Head librarian Debbie Liddle said: "World Book Day is a great time to launch our Year of Reading. The aim is to foster a love of literature from an early age and inspire the pupils."

Bake market makes it back

AFTER the popularity of last year's two trial Make It or Bake It markets on Tettenhall Upper Green, another one is in the diary.

The date is Sunday, May 24 with another earmarked for the autumn.

Around 2,500 people attended the launch event on the Green last May and another 3,500 in September.

Both the markets featured a quality mix of farmers market/street food/arts and crafts stalls.

FOCUS ON TETTENHALL

Courageous nurse talks of work with Ebola patients

A SAVE the Children nurse stopped by her former school to share stories of volunteering with Ebola patients in Sierra Leone.

Natalie Kirkhope, aged 24, was a boarder at Tettenhall College, and spent Christmas and New Year working as part of the Ebola response.

Since leaving the Wolverhampton school in 2008, Miss Kirkhope has spent a gap year working with orphans in Nairobi, Kenya, and in 2012 helped develop sustainable living in Liberia with Save the Children.

Mark Leighton, the school's head of careers, said Miss Kirkhope's talk at assembly had captured the attention of the pupils and raised their awareness of the extent of the Ebola crisis.

Plight

He said: "Her stories touched everyone, opening up our hearts to the plight of the most vulnerable and to the courage of many with whom she worked."

After studying paediatric nursing at Nottingham University, Miss Kirkhope worked at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital and is currently working in the Homerton emergency department, also in London.

Following her 2012 trip to Liberia, Miss Kirkhope was inspired to study for her Diploma in in Tropical Nursing at the London School of

By Simon Stone

Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, which lea to work in rural Sierra Leone trying to deliver safe healthcare to mothers and children.

Evacuated at the outbreak of the Ebola crisis, Miss Kirkhope applied to go back out as soon as she could and joined Save the Children at their Kerrytown Ebola treatment centre over Christmas and New Year, where she spent six weeks.

Miss Kirkhope said: "I loved my time as a boarder at Tettenhall College, we were always encouraged to think independently and explore new activities and cultures.

"The encouragement received from my teachers, even now seven years after I left, has been a great source of support for me whilst working abroad.

"It has been good to be back in the UK"

Nurse Natalie Kirkhopspent weeks working as part of the Ebola response

Charity aid councillor in running for award

A COUNCILLOR has been shortlisted for an award thanks to his work with a local charity.

Councillor Arun Photay, who represents the Tettenhall Wightwick area, is in the running to claim a Grassroot Diplomat Initiative award after working with the Sharan Project in Wolverhampton.

Established in 2008, the Sharan Project seeks to provide support for vulnerable women of South Asian origin from the threat of domestic or honour-based violence.

Growth

Councillor Photay has been instrumental in the development and growth of the organisation, particularly in raising awareness for the project as its Global Ambassador within his constituency and community.

Talyn Rahman Figueroa, executive director of Grassroot Diplomat praised helpers.

He said: "All too often, we hear stories of our governments not representing our needs but Grassroot Diplomat looks upon selfless individuals who work tirelessly for their communities.

"The award seeks to create a culture of positive role models within our governments which encourages others in power to follow suit."

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Rotary in search for young Citizen of Year

THE combined Rotary clubs of Wolverhampton have launched their annual search to find the city's Young Citizen of the Year.

The prestigious award, now in its second year, recognises inspiring young people from the city who have gone that extra mile in helping others and their community.

The city's five Rotary clubs are looking for suitable nominees to be put forward for the award.

To qualify nominees must be under the age of 19 on August 31, 2015 and live, work or study in Wolverhampton.

The winner will receive a trophy and a cheque for £100, while the second and third placed entrants will receive £75 and £50 respectively.

Sponsors

Successful nominees will be judged by a panel featuring Sir Geoff Hampton from the University of Wolverhampton, the Mayor of Wolverhampton and representatives from sponsors Waitrose and the Express & Star.

Last year the award was won by Chelsey Cartwright from Parkfields, who despite suffering from a degenerative eye disease managed to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

She has been nominated for Rotary's National Young Citizen Award, which is due to be broadcast live on the BBC News Channel in April.

For full details of the Wolverhampton award, plus entry forms visit wolverhamptonyoungcitizen.co.uk

Nomination forms are also available from the Civic Centre and Waitrose on Penn Road.

The deadline for entries is May 31.

The first year's winner Chelsey Cartwright is congratulated

£3k aid for fast broadband

GRANTS of up to £3,000 will be available for businesses in Wolverhampton to install high speed broadband.

The council's cabinet resources panel was due to talk about the funding after the Government announced its broadband scheme would be extended..

A report by Heather Clark, service development manager for city economy, states: "The scheme provides up to £3,000 grants to small and medium sized enterprises to cover the installation costs of a faster and better broadband service. The extension of the voucher scheme will allow Wolverhampton to address the gap in superfast broadband in the city centre and allow a shorter term solution to slow broadband speeds on our business parks prior."

Regeneration boss Councillor Peter Bilson said: "Widespread availability of superfast broadband will give local businesses the chance to compete and collaborate on a truly global scale."

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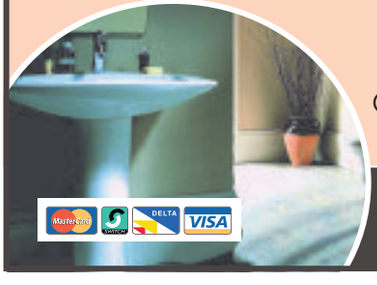

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As the property market has strengthened over the past year, the updated National Homebuilding & Renovating Show, sponsored by Anglian Home Improvements, is returning in full force to the NEC, Birmingham from March 26-29 with a record number of more than 15 self-build, renovation and home improvement specialists.

And the organisers have teamed up with the Chronicle series to give 70 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the show.

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Charlie Luxton, sustainable architectural designer and presenter of More4's 'Building the Dream', and Julia Kendell, interior design expert and co-presenter of ITV's '60 Minute Makeover', will also be returning.

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50 years on and Ford is still driving force in city

A CAR dealership is celebrating passing its 50th anniversary in Wolverhampton.

It opened in December 1964 under the name Billingham's, the Ford dealership, now named Evans Halshaw, recently hit the landmark anniversary, with current bosses thanking the people who have made its longevity possible.

Current dealer principal Ian Rimmer said: "It is a privilege to be associated with the business, the team and all the history. The most important parts of any business are the team and the customers and I would personally like to thank each and every one.

At the time of opening, the then-family run company employed 151 members of staff and increased the company's capital to £250,000, at a time when the most expensive car in the showroom was £600.

Time capsule is buried

Hard at work in the service bays

Looking back at the old Billingham's Ford centre

Capsule

During the construction of the building, directors buried a time capsule containing sales catalogues, coins of the realm, portraits of the directors, and photographs of the building under construction.

Since taking over the dealership, Evans Halshaw has brought back some of the site's original features, including re-opening the rooftop car park which, in its time, was state of the art and accommodated 350 cars, which could be reached directly from the road via two heated ramps that were wide enough to take two-way traffic.

The car park was closed by the previous owners but has been reopened to retain one of the most defining original features of the building.

Malcolm Legg joined the dealership on June 25 1973 when he was just 15, earning 48p per hour plus a timekeeping bonus, and has been there ever since.

Malcolm, who works in the parts department, said: "We still get custom from people who used to come along to the dealership with their parents back in the day, although they are slightly older now.

"We pride ourselves on our personalised service and take our role as trade specialists seriously.

"The dealership is still a focal point within the community, for the team here and for customers, too, and it is so fantastic to see.

"Ford has been in Wolverhampton since 1910 and I am so proud that the dealership still has such a strong standing within the community."

Ray and Lin Gilbert from the Black Country Echoes Festival at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

John Bulmer's iconic Tipton at Dawn, which was displayed

The old Blue Bird toffee factory in Halesowen in the 1960s, highlighted in the festival

A Mander's artefact discovered as part of the festival

John Meadows with his 1958 FriskySport at the event launch

Visitor numbers hit magic million to see echoes of Black Country life

WITH events at 25 venues staged by 250 volunteers, it was billed as one of the most ambitious history projects the Black Country had ever seen.

And now organisers have revealed more than one million visitors flocked to the Echoes Festival since it was launched in September last year.

Art exhibitions, reunions, history fairs and drama performances were among the events held throughout the region.

Of the one million visitors, at least 12 per cent were from outside the Black Country – which bosses say has boosted tourism. And around 30 per cent were first-time visitors to the venues. Festival co-ordinator Deb Slade said: "We certainly pulled a lot of exhibitions and events together, 27 exhibitions and 87 events in all, and supported over 25 venues to theme their programming."

A focus of the festival was the area's rich

MEMORY LANE

Report by Adam Burling

manufacturing heritage, with some 1,560 workers gathering at 100 workshops to share their memories.

Anecdotes were documented by the team of trained volunteers, and will be posted in an online archive being created. Mrs Slade said photographs, stories and audio recordings will be gathered on the website to ensure the festival has a lasting legacy.

Among the highlights was the Making of Mordor event at Wolverhampton Art Gallery, which explored how JRR Tolkien's image of Mordor was influenced by the region's industrial landscape.

Volunteer Roy Gilbert, a 63-year-old retired teacher, helped create the display using more than 1,000 saplings. Mr Gilbert and his wife Linda spent nearly 100 hours working on the festival between them, running a stand at the Himley Hall Vehicle Show, researching the Joseph Dixon saddlery firm in Walsall and interviewing former workers. Organisers say a total of 25,000 volunteering hours were spent on the festival, which would have cost more than £300,000 if they were being paid.

Mr Gilbert said: "It has been a real success and everyone I have spoken to has taken a lot from it. It has taught me things about the Black Country that I had no idea about and I'm so glad I was a part of it."

Two of the smaller venues' exhibitions were extended as they proved so popular.

Unseen

In The Leather at Walsall Leather Museum featured images of the current state of the old leatherworks buildings in the borough, while also capturing the people who worked there through previously unseen photographs. Black Country Echoes: In Pictures at The Light House attracted people of all ages with its images of residents, landscape and industry from the 1960s to 90s.

Classic vehicles drew crowds at nine events with Bean cars, Turner, Doretti, Guy Motors, Jensen, Sunbeam and Villiers among the manufacturers on display.

Aldridge Airport celebrated the 1950s with a display of historic vehicles attended by 400 people, while 700 fans of the 1960s got an insight into the mod culture at Wednesbury Museum.

Some striking 1970s leather fashion was on display at Walsall Leather Museum, with jackets, skirts and dresses by Walsall-based 4 U Fashion, which was started by Arthur Fox and his wife Joan.

Factories that were once renowned by people across the country were also remembered, with the Blue Bird toffee factory in Halesowen the source of many stories.

And hundreds of artefacts came to light in recent months, each giving a glimpse into the industrial and cultural history of the Black Country. Items previously belonging to the Mander family were uncovered, including sports trophies and shields – and they will be kept by the museum to be displayed in future exhibitions.

It's up, up and hurray for new academy status

STAFF and pupils were in celebratory mood at the official opening of a city academy.

Wednesfield High School has converted to academy status in a move that senior leaders say will help to drive up standards following a disappointing Ofsted report.

The school on Lichfield Road is now known as Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy.

It is part of the multi-academy trust Education Central, which is run by The University of Wolverhampton.

The trust was represented at the opening ceremony by vice-chancellor Professor Geoff Layer and Sir Geoff Hampton, both from the university.

Headteacher Claire Gilbert said the school spent two years researching the possibility of becoming an academy before the DfE suggested conversion after the school was told it required improvement after a visit from Ofsted inspectors.

The education watchdog deemed the school to be one that was capable of improving rapidly with very little intervention. The school's governing body will remain in place following the conversion.

One of the governors, Ken Purchase, said he expected the school's recent improvements to continue under academy status. He said: "We all want the school to succeed and its students to do well."

Pupils and staff celebrating the official opening of Wednesfield Academy

Ex-city pupil Nicole fashions success

A FORMER Wolverhampton Girls High school student has been recognised at a designer awards ceremony.

Nicole Wells, who now studies at Derby University, was awarded the Young Designer title at the St Andrew Young Designer Awards.

Nicole's was given the award thanks to her impressive menswear collection, which used industrial material sourced from a local recycling company to create unique garments.

She said: "The process of developing my concept to finished product in only 10 weeks gave me a real taste of how production house deadlines operate. As hard as the judging was it was definitely worth all the work when I attended the St Andrews Charity Fashion Show.

"Developing my collection for this award has been a real culmination of all the experiences and skills I have accumulated on my course so far including my year's placement."

Turnaround as primary school now improving

ONE of the largest primary schools in the Black Country, which was surprisingly placed into special measures, has improved its rating.

Villiers Primary School in Bilston was considered to be one of the most successful in Wolverhampton and was classed as outstanding by Ofsted in 2007. But 18 months ago inspectors returned to school and criticised it for falling into decline.

By Peter Madeley

Now following a further visit last month it has been upgraded and is now classed as requiring improvement, with some areas judged as 'good'.

Inspectors noted a significant improvement in pupil achievement in national assessments at the 620-pupil school, while phonics and maths teaching at Key Stage 1 were praised.

Changes

Lead inspector Rachel Howie wrote in her report: "This is an improving school. Leaders, staff and governors are committed to ensuring that improvement continues.

"The headteacher and senior leaders are making changes that are improving the quality of teaching. This is helping pupils to make faster progress than in the past."

The report also said that effective coaching and training was leading to improvements in the quality of teaching. Nursery and reception children were said to get off to a good start 'because of effective teaching'.

Headteacher Duncan Cocker said: "It has been a hard but ultimately rewarding last 18 months since going into special measures. The report reflects the great strides made in advancing teaching and learning and the dedication of a committed and talented staff and supportive governors who are focused on improving the provision for all children, every day.

"It was particularly gratifying to see the area of early years be awarded a 'good' judgement, confirming the excellent start we know our children receive at Villiers."

Pupil behaviour was also praised in the report. The lead inspector wrote: "Pupils behave well, they are kind and caring towards one another and are respectful towards adults. Pupils enjoy school and trust the adults to look after them."

The report highlighted a number of areas that inspectors deemed to require improvement. These included the slow progress of pupils in maths at Key Stage 2 and inconsistencies in the quality of marking in pupils' books.

Mr Cocker added: "Whilst we are naturally pleased to have removed the school from special measures we are all very clear about the areas to improve in."

High rate in city of late-diagnosed HIV

A NATIONAL charity is calling on Wolverhampton Council to tackle the high levels of late-diagnosed HIV in the city.

According to research from the National AIDS Trust, in Wolverhampton 66 per cent of people are diagnosed late, meaning they will have had HIV for at least four years. The UK average is 42 per cent.

Late diagnosis can mean a decreased life expectancy, worse health and a greater chance of passing the virus on. People diagnosed late have an 11-fold increased risk of death within one year of HIV diagnosis compared to those diagnosed on time.

The earlier someone is diagnosed and is able to access treatment the less likely they are to acquire HIV-related illnesses, and consequently there is a reduced need for expensive inpatient care.

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Crowd in fits of laughter for Tommy tribute show

IT was bittersweet but there were still plenty of hearty loffs as more than 700 fans paid their respects to Black Country comedy legend Tommy Mundon at a concert held in his honour.

People packed into the funnyman's favourite venue, Brierley Hill Civic Hall, for the event, which was organised by the late comic's friends in the showbusiness community.

The tribute to Tommy, who died last year aged 80, the sell-out concert was also held to raise funds for Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice, which helped care for the comedian during his battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Officials from the charity said it was expected to raise in excess of £10,000 for the hospice with more than 750 tickets sold.

Stage

Among the acts who took to the stage were Alan 'Aynuk' Smith, Barry Smith, Marlene, Maggie O'Hara and Doug Parker, who had all shared a stage with Tommy in the past.

Members of the Halesowen comic's family, including his widow Val, attended the event.

Mrs Mundon said: "The whole family misses Tom more than words can say. For myself and all his family and friends who are coping with his loss we take enormous comfort knowing the level of support and care he received at the hospice.

"I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported this event. This was a marvellous and very fitting tribute to Tom. He always loved the civic hall and played here many times over the years. It was always to full capacity and enthusiastic audiences. It was his favourite venue."

The concert was originally scheduled to take place at Dudley Town Hall but had be moved following problems with the ceiling.

"I've been telling people I think Tom had a hand in that so the concert could be held here in Brierley HIll instead," said Mrs Mundon.

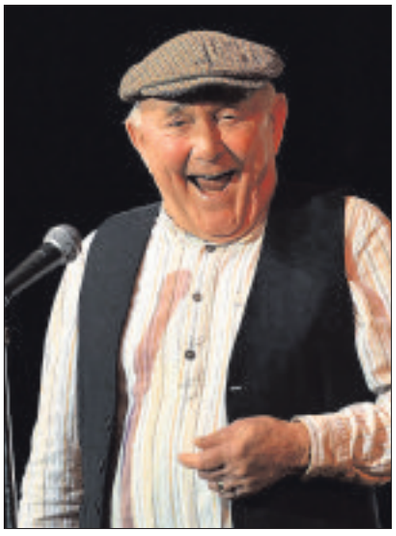
Compère Mel Thomas got the show started with a tribute to the comic, which revisited many of Tommy's favourite gags.

Singer Maggie O'Hara, who performed and helped to organise the event, said: "I asked Val if she wanted us to organise something as a thank you to the hospice.

"Everyone is delighted with the success of the show. It has been a great tribute to Tommy and the number of people here show the esteem he was held in.

"Performing has been a bittersweet experience because he would have been here, not only making audiences laugh but us behind the scenes as well."

Val Mundon watches the show at Brierley Hill where Black Country entertainers remembered Tommy



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Focusing on city in black and white

Derelict factories or snowy beauty monochrome pictures say so much, explains PETE MADELEY

The New Cleveland Club in All Saints by Aaron Newell

The old steel works in Horseley Fields

Snow-covered tree in Tettenhall by Rebekah Parkes

THE contrast between the beauty and degradation of Wolverhampton has been captured in a series of sublime black and white photographs.

These pictures show how monochrome imagery can paint the city in a whole new light.

In recent weeks amateur photographers have sent in their entries to the Star Witness online gallery at our sister paper the Express & Star and these are just some from the pick of the bunch. Aaron Newell, a photography student at The University of Wolverhampton, took a series of black and white shots for a course project.

He said he prefers it to colour as it allows the viewer to focus exclusively on the image.

"Colour can sometimes be a distraction," said the 22-year-old, who lives in Pendeford. "Different colours have different connotations, so by stripping that away you are left with the photograph in a purer form."

Aaron said the set, which features images of his home town, aims to depict the transformation of the once great industrial powerhouse into a 'dying city'.

One of Aaron's pictures shows the former Sainsbury's building at St George's Parade, which closed last year. "For me this sums up modern Wolverhampton," he said. "It was once a busy supermarket but now it is quiet and fairly eerie. It has been in the paper a lot and people aren't really sure what's happening with the building. I tried to capture that in the picture."

Squatters

Another image shows the old steel works in Horseley Fields, the once bustling factory that now lies derelict and is inhabited by squatters.

Aaron's stark picture shows barren wasteland stretching out ahead of the neglected building, its chimney stack rising prominently in the distance.

"There would have been so much industry here back in the day," said Aaron. "There are now 20 or 30 squatters living around there. There's sleeping bags and syringes lying around inside. I wanted to capture the view from a distance to include the empty space in front of the building. To me it's quite a desperate scene and the black and white photograph really captures it in its proper light."

The former Sainsbury's store in St George's Parade

The New Cleveland Club, which sits opposite the former Royal Hospital site in All Saints was also captured on film as part of his project.

The trouble-plagued venue closed its doors years ago and nowadays only its boarded up frontage conceals a ransacked interior.

Aaron said: "I was standing by the old Royal site when I took this. It's a really derelict part of town that won't be getting better any time soon now that Tesco have pulled out.

"The club's sign is cracked, the windows are smashed or boarded up. For me the picture sums up the state of the city."

Rebekah Parkes, from Perton, was taking a stroll by the Tettenhall pool when she captured this snow-covered tree using the camera on her iPhone. The 23-year-old said: "I liked the way the snow stopped on top of the branches but

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Crop helps Wolves fan Lucy pitch in for her charity goal

A YOUNG Wolves fan completed the transformation from 'Robert Plant to Steve Bull' when she had her head shaved for charity on the pitch at Molineux.

Season ticket holder Lucy Parrett, aged 11, had her flowing locks cropped in memory of her two grandfathers. The Springdale Junior School pupil went under the razor at half time during the 3-0 victory against Fulham.

And despite more than 17,000 onlookers, Lucy said she took the whole experience in her stride.

"I was a little nervous to start with, but I really enjoyed it in the end," said Lucy, who lives in Perton and counts Bakary Sako as her favourite player. Her hair was shorn by Katie Adams, from Wolves official hairdressers K2Barbers after the club had been contacted by Lucy's mother, Tina.

"We were so happy when the club agreed to do it," said Tina, aged 43, who works with Wolves' mascots on match days."

Lucy said she was inspired to have her locks trimmed after seeing a television programme about a girl who performed a similar stunt.

She decided to raise cash for the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK in memory of her grandfathers, Cliff Parrett, who died of heart failure in 1990, and Selwyn Morris, who died of cancer in 1977.

Lucy Parrett having her head shaved by Katie Adams on the pitch at Molineux

College chance for special pamper day

FACIALS, haircuts and lunch are on offer at special pamper days at City of Wolverhampton College's Metro One campus.

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Worry over parking in student flats plan

CONCERNS have been raised over potential parking problems in the wake of the proposed demolition of a historical hotel in Wolverhampton.

The Quality Hotel, formerly the Connaught, on Tettenhall Road will be knocked down and replaced with 48 student flats and 53 apartments under plans submitted to the city council in December.

By Jordan Harris

If approved, each of the 53 regular apartments would come with a parking space but there would be none available for students, who will instead be encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport.

The planning application has received negative feedback from some residents at the nearby Vauxhall House, who have said the development will lead to 'major parking' problems.

Doubt

Mr Jon Page, who submitted his opinion online, said: "In principle I am not against this development, but the major concern for me for me is parking.

"This problem will only worsen should 53 two bed apartments, 48 bed student accommodation and only 53 new parking spaces.

"This will make me as a neighbour of the planned development, constantly in doubt of being to park my car in a close proximately to the block of flats in which I live."

However, Councillor Craig Collingswood, who represents the Park ward where the hotel is located, said the concerns about parking should not mean that the plans are scrapped.

He said: "I am still very much behind this project in principle and think it would greatly benefit the area. I am glad that residents are airing their views on the development.

"If they feel that the area could become overcrowded or it could lead to parking trouble then I am glad they have brought that up. Everyone I have spoken to has voiced their support for the plans.

"Maybe this is just something for the developers to consider going forward."

The hotel was built in the 1960s and has 60 guest rooms but bosses have said the building requires a substantial upgrade and modernisation to compete with other hotels in the city.

A further objection, from Mr Peter Leech, a Tettenhall resident, claimed that the more modernised style of the building in comparison to the current hotel would be out of character.

He said:"This proposed development is totally out of character. It is too high, too dense and not sympathetic to other properties along Tettenhall Road."

Penn architectural company JKF Limited are the architects.

Grant aid that sports fans can really bank on

YOUNG sports fans are set for a huge boost after Wolves Community Trust was awarded a grant of £8,650 by Barclays.

The four-figure grant will go towards the delivery of football and multi-sport sessions at Eastfield Park in partnership with Wolves Kicks, West Midlands Police and Wolverhampton Homes.

The new funding for Eastfield Park multi-use games area follows previous grants totalling £45,000 from Barclays and the Football Foundation since 2006. These grants were used to run multi-sport sessions, FA coaching courses and encourage volunteering.

The funding has come from Barclays' Spaces for Sports community sports programme which uses sport to help young people develop the confidence and skills they need, and revitalise disadvantaged communities.

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Collecting is not alien to business owner Stephen

AN alien in a jar, a deer hoof bookend and antique metal shackles – welcome to the weird and wonderful world of a new shop.

Stephen Fenemore is behind Black Fish Collectables, which is providing customers with a little taste of the unusual, with prices ranging from £1 to £800.

The 50-year-old dad-of-one has moved his Aladdin's cave to Bow Street, Rugeley after three years in Wolverhampton's indoor market.

The collectables store houses skeletons alongside fossils, de-activated rifles, demon or vampire skulls and even a mask from the 1987 American science fiction film Predator.

Items at the shop range from £1 and £800, which would pocket you a variety of military medals.

Expanding

Mr Fenemore, who was in the Army for eight years and is a former security guard, said: "We stock all sorts.

"We have a wide range of military items, alongside vintage medical equipment, stamps and antiques books. We also stock film posters and memorabilia and we will be selling toys soon."

Collecting is not just a job for Mr Fenemore, having grown up in the buying and selling trade. His father ran a second hand book store and after becoming fed-up working for others he decided to turn his hobby into a living.

He said: "I already had a lot of items and so I took the stall in Wolverhampton to see how it would go and it really took off. I have been expanding over the past three years."

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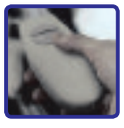

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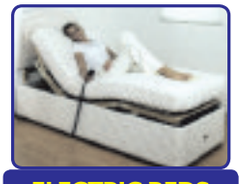

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Young dancers' dazzling success

Winning their first competition, members of the SA Twinkles, including, front, Luisa Salvo, aged five

DANCING youngsters from Wolverhampton wowed judges and thousands of spectators with an array of moves in one of the country's biggest arenas.

Youngsters from dancing group SA Twinkles, based in the city's Sharon Ann dance academy, took part in their first event earlier this month when they participated in the Future Cheer Heart of England regional event at Birmingham's Genting Arena.

Members of the group are aged between four and five but first show nerves did not get the better of them as they were crowned the best team in their respective age group – beating teams from across the country.

Carillion moves head office

CONSTRUCTION and support services giant Carillion has moved head offices in its home base of Wolverhampton.

The group, which has annual turnover of more than £4 billion, has switched its registered office from Birch Street to five-storey Carillion House, formerly Staffordshire House, in Salop Street.

Staff have been moving from Birch Street to the former Staffordshire Building Society headquarters in phases over the last few weeks.

Carillion spokeswoman Jane Smith said there had been no job losses with the move and all 600 Carillion staff in the city were now based at 42,323 sq ft Carillion House.

She said that the change had been triggered because the lease on Birch Street was coming to an end. "Space was available at Carillion House and it is a much more sustainable building," she added.

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Police air service to shut base at Halfpenny Green

THE National Police Air Service (NPAS) which provides air support to forces throughout the UK is to close its base at Halfpenny Green Airport.

The airport, near Wolverhampton, will cease NPAS operations after Government funding cuts prompted changes to the service.

Halfpenny Green, at Bobbington, is one of 10 of 25 bases set to close nationally over the next two years. It means the nearest police helicopters will be based in Birmingham as of January 2016.

Under the new system, there will be 15 bases in England and Wales, all controlled from headquarters in West Yorkshire.

NPAS bosses say the move will help the service make 'substantial financial savings' while improving 'efficiency and effectiveness'. The service has already made savings of £11 million in the last year.

Efficiency

West Midlands Police, West Mercia Police and Staffordshire Police will continue to share the service from Birmingham following the closure of the base at the airport known officially as Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green.

The accountable manager for NPAS, Chief Superintendent Ian Whitehouse, said: "NPAS needs to find further substantial financial savings with a target of 14 per cent of revenue cuts over the next three years. This is on top of the 23 per cent savings already made.

"Local police forces facing similar savings are looking at how they rationalise their estate and ways of operating and NPAS is no different in this regard.

"There is no easy way of doing this and difficult decisions have to be made. The National Police Air Service Strategic Board therefore decided to move to the 15-base model. This move will help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the service and mean that every base supports police forces 24 hours a day."

Bargain coin worth a mint

Stephen Cresswell bought a book of coins at an auction and this one which seems to be a Phoencia

A YOUNG bargain hunter snapped up what appears to be a major historical artefact when he outbid the competition at a Wolverhampton auction.

Stephen Creswell, aged 22, paid £29 for a book of old coins, which he then discovered contained a Tyrian half shekel, an ancient currency used as back as far as 126 BC.

They were originally used as a method of payment for temple tax in Jerusalem due to their higher concentration of silver than other Roman coinage.

Mr Creswell, from Dudley, said he didn't know what the book would contain at the time but was pleasantly surprised when he unearthed the ancient coin. He said: ""I could obviously tell the coin was really old by looking at it but I had no idea what it was"

A mint condition Tyrian shekel could fetch thousands, but Mr Creswell says he isn't looking to sell.

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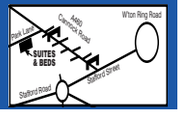

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Darts club arrows in on semis

Shareshill WI

AFTER welcoming everyone, President Margaret Beddard told the meeting that 17 members had enjoyed an American themed meal at the Academy Restaurant and were hoping to go back in the future for an Italian themed evening.

At the Group meeting at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock 7.30pm on Thursday, March 12, the speaker is wildlife photographer Dr Michael Leach and the competition is members' own wildlife photograph.

The Darts club have reached the semi-final of the county competition.

Themed

The next meeting of Craft Club will be from 1-4pm on March 12 at a Essington St John's Church Hall which will be its home for the rest of the year. Saturday, May 16 is the date for a 40s themed Party in the Park to celebrate VE day's 70th anniversary. The idea is to raise funds to support the village hall.

The speaker for the evening was Annemarie Wilde who talked about her journey through life in the legal trade after qualifying as a lawyer. She chose a career as a solicitor rather than train to be a barrister and after working through different sections of law, she has for the last 24 years specialised as a Personal Injury Solicitor.

After Annemarie had answered members' questions, Margaret thanked her for a fascinating glimpse of her legal world. On March 19 Michelle Moore will give an insight into hypnotherapy.

Last year's winners hand over trophies

Keith Perry and Brian Harris handed trophies from Mike Dainty and John

Sedgley Bridge Club

WINNERS of this year's Club Championship held on February 19 were Keith Perry and Brian Harris.

They were presented with the Tipton and Coseley trophies from last year's winners Mike Dainty and John Sheppard.

The club meets at the Sedgley & District Community Centre Ladies Walk every Thursday at 1pm and new members and visitors are always made welcome.

In addition, Rubber Bridge is played on Wednesday. On Friday you can learn the basics of the game of bridge while enjoying tea and biscuits all for £1, plus a £2 annual subscription to the Sedgley & District Community Association.

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Arrangements are raffled off

Wolverhampton Flower Arrangement Club

THE monthly meeting, which included seven new members and three visitors, was held at Linden House, Tettenhall Road, on February 19 at 2.30pm.

Temporary chairman Julia Hall welcomed demonstrator Andrew Lloyd of Stourbridge.

His theme 'At the Time of the Year' was the first demonstration of the club's Diamond Anniversary year. He produced seven arrangements, the first of which reflected winter with white hellebores, pussy willows, arum lilies and white broom.

His final arrangement was a myriad of colours which included iris, daffodils, hyacinths and parrot tulips heralding the beginning of spring. All seven arrangements were raffled off to raise money for the club.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Eunice Morris who also provided the door arrangement.

The next meeting is on March 19 at 2.30pm at Linden House, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton and the demonstrator will be Mr Don Billington of Liverpool whose theme is "In the Potting Shed".

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Joan's goodbye to major tours

FOCUS ON FOLK

By Danny Farragher

Joan Armatrading who is giving up major tours after many years on the road

CHART topping Brummie, Joan Armatrading is coming home as part of her last major tour when she will be playing Town Hall, Birmingham on Wednesday March, 25.

The good news is she is not retiring but the bad news, for those who haven't got their tickets, is the show is sold out, although it may be worth contacting the venue to see if there are any returns or cancellations.

Gretchen Peters will be on stage there on Saturday March 21, starting 8pm. Tickets are £21.50 and £26.50 plus the usual transaction fee which is £3 and charged on all bookings except when bought in person at the Town Hall or Symphony Hall Box office.

The Victoria Square venue then welcomes Irish songstress **Cara Dillon** who will be bringing her delicate and silken tones to the hall on Friday March, 27 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £21 plus the usual transaction fee.

Creatures

Singer/songwriter **Gren Bartley** is releasing his latest album this month called Magnificent Creatures and you can see him perform at The Woodman Folk Club which meets at Ashwood Marina, Kingswinford tomorrow, March 6. Members pay £6 and non members £1 more. Doors open at 8pm and the show starts around 8.30pm.

The following week on March 13 the club welcomes banjo virtuoso, if there is such a thing, **Dan Walsh**. Entry is £6 for members and £1 more for non-members. Walsh also has a new album out on March 16, called Incidents and Accidents.

Traditional musician and musical arranger **Nick Dow** is also coming to the canal side venue on March 27, tickets are £5 for members and again £1 more for non members.

A folk singer who's star is definitely on the rise and seems to be almost everywhere is **Kelly Oliver**, who will be sharing the bill at the Common Folk Club with **Nigel Bullock** on March 19 from 8.30pm. The club meets at the Pelsall Cricket & Sports Club in Walsall.

Heading back to the Second City, Red Lion Folk Club, King's Heath welcomes one of the busiest and in-demand female folk artists, **Nancy Kerr**, on March 11.

Kerr is nominated for best folk singer and best album at this year's BBC Radio2 Folk Awards.

She will also be touring later on in the year with Martin Simpson and Andy Cutting on the back of a new album they have put together called Murmurs. Tickets are £13 and can vary depending upon whether you are a member and if you buy online. Doors open 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.

You may remember her as the distinctive voice of Fairground Attraction but **Eddi Reader** has been carving out a solo career on the folk/acoustic circuit for many years and she is performing on March 28 at Biddulph Up in Arms, Staffs. Tickets are £22.50 and doors open at 6pm, the show starts at 8pm.Irish band, **The Fureys** will be at the New Alex Theatre on March 12. Tickets are £23.90 plus a £2.85 booking fee and the show starts 7.30pm.

More veterans of the folk circuit **Oysterband** will be at the Robin2 Bilston on Tuesday March 24. Tickets are £16 in advance or £18 on the night.

Seth Lakeman is bringing his solo show to the Slade Rooms, Broad Street, Wolverhampton on March 22. Tickets are £16.50 including booking fee and the doors open 7pm.

Scottish guitarist, **Ewan McLennan** will be playing Stourbridge Folk Club at Katie Fitzgerald's, Stourbridge on March 19. Tickets are £8 in advance and £10 on the night.

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Fury songs in Paradise are pure Gold

Halfway To Paradise, Wolverhampton Grand

Rocker Billy Fury led a life of ill health and died too young at 42.

This show told of his life and career and featured his many hits. Fury in fact released more songs than the Beatles during the 1960s, but failed to top the charts, despite such big numbers as Halfway to Paradise, I'd Never Find Another You, I Will, Wondrous Place, Last Night Was Made For Love and Jealousy – his biggest hit. For Colin Gold, the show has given him a career for nigh on two decades. Following an appearance on Stars In Their Eyes as the Liverpool-born star, Gold was later asked to join Fury's old backing band The Tornados and this show has now been touring for 18 years.

Introduced via big screen by Fury's partner Lisa Voice, the narrated biopic featured archive material and black and white stage footage which helped transport the audience to the time of Fury's rock n roll hey day.

Gold has the looks and sounds of the late great rocker and many songs had the audience singing along, including the haunting It's Only Make Believe.

Band members who worked with Fury throughout the 1970s, had their own tales and memories of the star, before the show ended with Fury's last track Forget Him. But who could?

Mark Shipp

Jason is brilliant in royal tale

The King's Speech, Birmingham Rep

There's a local dimension to The King's Speech, which opened at Birmingham Rep this week, in that King Edward VIII, as the Prince of Wales, had been a frequent visitor to Himley Hall.

It was his abdication which propelled to the throne the stammering Bertie, the future George VI, who had never expected to be king.

David Seidler's play concentrates on the relationship between Bertie and Lionel Logue, a failed Australian actor who had set himself up in Harley Street as a speech therapist.

Jason Donovan was simply brilliant as the therapist bringing out the humour in the part, but clearly aware of the sensitive background of his patient.

Raymond Coulthard, as Bertie, showed the vulnerable side of his character's nature, but never lost that air of royal superiority.

All in all, a most engrossing piece of theatre, which runs until Saturday, March 7.

Jerald Smith

REVIEWS

A scene from Coppélia featuring Elisha Willis and Joseph Caley

Living doll ballet a triumph of strength, elegance and energy

Coppélia, Birmingham Hippodrome

Japanese ballerina Momoko Hirata is fast emerging as a major star at Birmingham Royal Ballet with a steely strength to go with her elegance and energy. In Coppélia she added a charming comedic quality as a mischievous living doll.

She played Swanilda, the mercurial village beauty who mimics the mechanical Coppélia to confound its eccentric creator Dr Coppélius in the delightful Act II.

On opening night at the Hippodrome she was well-matched by fellow principal dancer César Morales as her sweetheart Franz. The handsome Chilean also has power allied with outstanding technique, and a lightness of touch as the lad with a roving eye who falls for the unobtainable Coppélia.

The entire ensemble shone as various Eastern European villagers and mechanical creations. During the run at Birmingham the role of Swanilda was also danced by Elisha Willis, Samara Downs, Arancha Balsega and Céline Gittens.

The company return to the Hippodrome for director David Bintley's Carmina burana and his latest work The King Dances from June 17 to 20 and lavish time-travelling comedy Sylvia, with music by Delibes, from June 24 to 27.

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Fins are looking up for BRIT young things Jump The Shark

SITTING in the audience at the BRIT Awards last week were a Wolverhampton band who are already on their way to following in the footsteps of the UK music scene's biggest stars.

Teenagers Jump The Shark are on the right track after winning a BRIT-backed national award. The group is tipped for stardom after they lifted the coveted Next BRIT Thing talent award in front of a thousand-plus crowd at Indigo in the O2 Arena in London.

The award is backed by the UK music industry, the BRIT Awards and The Classic BRIT Awards. More than 900 solo artists and groups, aged 18 and 24, entered the competition by uploading their music onto the Big Music Project website in May last year. Over 150 acts made it to regional heats before being whittled down to just 16 for the final showdown.

Lead singer and drummer Tasha Jones, a 17-year-old Wolverhampton Girls High School pupil from Wednesfield, confessed: "I am in shock. It was overwhelming.

"I cannot believe the number of important figures from the music industry that this win has put us in touch with. You cannot put a value on that.

Confidence

"It is a huge boost to our confidence. It proves that people really do like what we are doing and will motivate us to get even better."

Thomas Telford School pupil Theo Williams, also 17, from Tettenhall, plays guitar and sings backing vocals in the band that formed five years ago. He said: "We rose to the occasion and enjoyed the experience. The band initially got together after we discovered that we were better guitarists than footballers. We met by accident but have stuck together. It has been around a year since we decided to go with a four piece format and it has been great."

Jump The Shark's triumph gives them the opportunity to record at the legendary AbbeyRoad studios, where The Beatles and Pink Floyd made some of their most famous albums. They could also possibly have one of their songs featuring on next year's BRIT Awards album.

Next BRIT thing — Jump The Shark

Theo admitted: "The prospect of being in the studio where John Lennon and numerous other wonderful musicians sat is very exciting."

The band write their own music and performed their own song There's Always One. The other members are guitarist Jon Murphy, 17, from Claregate who attends Walsall College and bass guitarist Matt Gregory, 16, from Tettenhall, a pupil at Thomas Telford School.

Jump The Shark will be performing on March 19 at Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton.

Group's Blonde ambition

IT'S the hit comedy that made the transition from screen to stage musical as Wolverhampton Musical Comedy Company prepare their groundbreaking production of Legally Blonde.

They will bring their amateur premier of the hit Broadway and West End show to the Grand Theatre on Tuesday after months of rehearsals.

Katie Astbury, aged 19, will be playing the lead role of Elle Woods, accompanied by loveable Chihuahua Bruiser, real name Fiona. Katie, from Finchfield, is stepping into the high heels of London star Sheridan Smith to play the unconventional trainee lawyer.

The run, over five nights and a Saturday matinee, will mark the first time Legally Blonde the musical has been performed by an amateur company in England. For more details, visit grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

Legally Blonde star Katie Astbury with Chihuahua Fiona

Puttin' on the Ritz in Top Hat

GET out your Top Hat, White Tie and Tails and Let's Face The Music and Dance when a top West End musical comes to Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

Based on the 1935 Irving Berlin musical movie starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, the new stage version of Top Hat won multiple Laurence Olivier Awards in 2013.

This feel-good show features lots of spectacular dance and such famous songs at Cheek To Cheek and Puttin' On The Ritz.

Starring Alan Burkitt and Charlotte Gooch in the Fred and Ginger roles, both from the London production, Top Hat will be staged at the Hippodrome from Tuesday, March 10, to Saturday, March 21.

Jeeves & Wooster come to the Rep

PEEP Show star Robert Webb plays Bertie Wooster with Jason Thorpe, from Primeval, as his long-suffering butler Jeeves when the much-loved comic characters are brought to Birmingham Rep.

Edwardian manners are sent up in this play by the Goodale Brothers, based on the work of PG Wodehouse. Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense, from Monday to Saturday, March 14, also features Christopher Ryan, who was Mike in The Young Ones. It has been directed by Sean Foley, who directed The Ladykillers and Mad World My Masters staged at the Grand last week.

Award winners on way to Midlands

BRIT Awards winners are on their way to Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

First up are heavy rock duo Royal Blood who have won lots of fans since their self-titled debut album was released in August.

The powerhouse pair from Brighton won best British Group award and will have a full house for their concert at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Wednesday. Their support will be Mini Mansions, featuring Queens of the Stone Age bassist Michael Shuman on drums.

British Female Solo Artist winner Paloma Faith will be in concert at Birmingham Barclaycard Arena on March 19 and has already sold out her Forest gig on July 10 at Cannock Chase.

Global Success Award winner Sam Smith has sold out his March 22 date at Wolverhampton Civic. His debut album In the Lonely Hour has sold in millions.

Surreal revamp for popular opera

WELSH National Opera return to Birmingham to perform a non-traditional production of Mozart's The Magic Flute at the Hippodrome. Staged tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow, Dominic Cooke's production has been described as warm, witty and surreal.

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CHOICE

Elisabeth Shue

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Channel 5, 9pm)

Daycia Fox was attending rehab in Las Vegas to treat her addiction to alcohol and drugs. Sadly she met an untimely end. However, when her body is found in the swimming pool of an abandoned house, there's more to the case than meets the eye; this is CSI after all, where nothing is ever as it seems. Following a post-mortem, detectives discover no trace of chlorine in the water in the victim's lungs, so it seems she died in the bath back at the clinic, and somebody moved her body to make it look like an accident. It begs the questions: who did it and why? Look out for Greg (Heroes) Grunberg among the regular cast, which includes his Hollow Man co-star Elisabeth Shue, and the ever reliable Ted Danson.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Great Britain v USA. **4.30** Final Score. **5.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.20** Match of the Day Live. Aston Villa v West Bromwich Albion (Kick-off 5.30pm).

7.30 The Voice UK. As the battle rounds continue, the contestants aim to secure their place in the next stage of the competition. It's up to Will.i.am, Tom Jones, Rita Ora and Ricky Wilson to decide who they want to keep and eliminate, but it's not necessarily over for the losers, as the coaches have a chance to "steal" a rejected artist for their own team.

9.30 Casualty. Lily tries to persuade a woman to be honest with her husband by admitting she doesn't want to continue with IVF treatment – although when the doctor's own exhaustion begins to catch up with her, it seems she is not being entirely truthful to herself. Rita helps a man change his stubborn attitude after he refuses to tell people he has a neurological disease, while Dixie is forced to give Iain a verbal warning.

10.15 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin is joined by comedian and actor Matt Lucas, who pushes the buttons to reveal the Lotto and Thunderball numbers.

10.25 BBC News; Weather.

10.45 Match of the Day. Highlights of this weekend's only Premier League encounter, which saw Queens Park Rangers host Tottenham Hotspur at Loftus Road.

11.15 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Highlights of the first two sixth-round matches, as Bradford City faced Reading at Valley Parade and Aston Villa welcomed West Bromwich Albion to Villa Park; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Derby County v Birmingham City.

1.15 Film: Charlie & Boots. (2009) **2.50** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.55** BBC News.

BBC2

7.30 FA Cup Rewind: Quarter Final Classics. **8.30** Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships. **11.30** Animal Park. (R) **12.00** A Taste of Britain. **12.30** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **12.40** Noel Coward: Talking Pictures. **1.10 Film:** In Which We Serve. (1942) Second World War drama, starring Noel Coward. **3.00** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) **4.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **4.30** Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships. The third day of the meeting from the O2 Arena in Prague, Czech Republic.

7.30 How We Got to Now with Steven Johnson. The American science author explores the impact on the modern world of technological innovations in the sphere of lighting, investigating Thomas Edison's role in the invention and development of the electric bulb. Steven also reveals how a French scientist accidentally discovered how to create neon light, leading to a revolution in advertising and the glare of the Las Vegas strip.

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon try to capture three German airmen who have landed in a lake after bailing out and intend to stay in their dinghy until nightfall. (R)

9.00 QI. Josh Widdicombe, Sue Perkins and Frank Skinner join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of questions about levity, levitation and lights. (R)

9.30 Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the South. The comedian concludes his road trip through the American South by exploring the musical heritage of Mississippi and Louisiana. In Memphis, he meets songwriting partners Steve Cropper and Eddie Floyd at Stax Records, before going on the trail of the origins of both delta and hill country blues in the company of musicians Seasick Steve and Cedric Burnside. Last in the series.

10.30 Film: Good Vibrations. (2012) Premiere. A record shop owner in 1970s Belfast becomes a key figure in the underground punk scene during the Troubles. Fact-based drama, starring Richard Dormer and Jodie Whittaker.

12.05 Film: Cross of Iron. (1977) Sam Peckinpah's Second World War drama, starring James Coburn, Maximilian Schell, James Mason and David Warner. **2.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. **8.50** Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** Tipping Point. (R) **2.35** Doc Martin. (R) **3.35** Secrets from the Sky. (R) **4.05** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.35** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! Favourites. Harry Hill narrates a selection of comical clips, featuring Annette Bening and Kim Jong-il lookalikes, below-the-belt mishaps, mischief and painful-looking accidents. (R)

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The Geordie duo take control of Jeremy Kyle in I'm a Celebrity Get Out of Me Ear!, and Little Ant and Dec meet Take That. Rob Brydon is this week's celebrity guest announcer.

8.25 Take Me Out. Paddy McGuinness hosts an extended edition, giving the 30 single women one last chance to find the man of their dreams on the show. Hotel receptionist Leslie from Belfast, plumber Alan from Pontefract, construction worker Cole from Darlington and model Pete from Cornwall are all hoping to sweep them off their feet, and must persuade the girls to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Paddy finds out how the couples get on in the sun, and also provides an update on last week's lovebirds. Last in the series.

9.55 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host welcomes actor Damian Lewis (Homeland, Wolf Hall), and music legend Bryan Ferry, who performs in the studio.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Film: Play Misty for Me. (1971) A DJ revives his relationship with an old flame, driving an obsessive fan mad with jealousy. Psychological thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

1.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 How I Met Your Mother. **6.30** How I Met Your Mother. **6.55** Trans World Sport. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Frasier. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** Rude(ish) Tube. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park and Wolverhampton. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 The Simpsons. A romantic evening at the ice-rink leads to Homer and Marge heading for the Winter Olympics to play for a curling team, while Lisa becomes hopelessly addicted to collecting sporting memorabilia and Bart befriends Canada's equivalent of Milhouse. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Crufts 2015. Clare Balding presents highlights from the third and penultimate day of the world's largest dog show, held at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Yesterday saw the judging of the Working and Pastoral groups, and this evening's programme moves on to the Terrier and Hound categories. There's also a special report from Noel Fitzpatrick, known for his pioneering work as seen in Channel 4 series The Supervet.

9.00 Film: Salt. (2010) A CIA agent is accused of being a sleeper assassin with a deadly purpose – to kill the Russian president during a diplomatic visit and start a third world war. She goes on the run, with her colleagues in hot pursuit – but each attempt to prove her innocence only raises more questions about her identity. Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

11.00 Film: Heartbreakers. (2001) A mother and daughter con rich bachelors out of a fortune, but their plans are threatened when the daughter falls in love. Comedy, with Sigourney Weaver.

1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.15** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **4.30** Double Your House for Half the Money. (R) **5.25** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.45** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.40** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **1.35** Cowboy Builders. (R) **2.35** Missing: Flight MH370 One Year On. (R) **3.35 Film:** Monte Walsh. (1970) Western, starring Lee Marvin. **5.30** 5 News Weekend. **5.40 Film:** Columbo: Candidate for Crime. (1973) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.

7.20 NCIS. The murder of a marine during a cruise is investigated by the agents, who discover the victim had turned his back on a life of privilege to join the military. (R)

8.05 NCIS. A navy recruitment officer is murdered at a high school and the agents discover he had recently begun a relationship with a married teacher whose wife held a grudge against him. They also find out a student's father was vehemently opposed to his joining the military, and receive help from an unexpected quarter – Ducky's esteemed predecessor, Dr Magnus. (R)

9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A body found in the swimming pool of an abandoned house is identified as Daycia Fox, who was attending rehab in Las Vegas to treat her addiction to alcohol and drugs. The post-mortem reveals no trace of chlorine in the water in the victim's lungs and the team concludes she died in the bath back at the clinic, with somebody moving the body to make it look like a tragic accident.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Saliva from a tiger is discovered on a murdered model, leading the detectives on the hunt for a former people trafficker who is now involved in the exotic animal trade. (R)

10.55 Law & Order. An investigation into a hit-and-run leads to a property scam, but the team's undercover work takes a surprising twist that pits McCoy against the US Attorney's office. Previously seen on 5USA.

11.50 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours. Winnipeg police are baffled by a bank robber who does not fit the usual profile of a thief. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** 10,000 BC. (R) **4.00** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great TV Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **9.30 Film:** Adventureland (2009) **11.10** Family Guy **1.00** Uncle **1.30** Russell Howard's Good News **2.00** South Side Story **2.30** Sexy Beasts **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 The Secret Life of Elephants **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **9.00** Hostages **10.45** Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time **11.45** TOTP2: 80s Special **12.45** Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe **1.15** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.50** The Secret Life of Elephants **2.50** Lost Kingdoms of Central America

ITV2

11.10 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.35** Catchphrase **1.20 Film:** Batteries Not Included (1987) **3.25** You've Been Framed! **4.00 Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **6.15 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **8.00 Film:** Jurassic Park III (2001) **9.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.55** Ibiza Weekender **11.55** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.20** Reality Bites **1.05** Crazy Beaches **1.30** Hell's Kitchen **2.15** Fake Reaction **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.40 The Darling Buds of May **12.50** A Touch of Frost **3.00 Film:** Carry On Cowboy (1966) **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.05** Lewis **12.10** A Touch of Frost **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.45 Live Darts: UK Open. Coverage of the second day at the Butlins Minehead Resort. **5.00** Storage Wars **6.00** Storage Wars: Texas **7.00** Live Darts: UK Open. **11.00** Cricket World Cup Highlights **12.00 Film:** Buried (2010) **2.00** Hogan's Heroes **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Made in Chelsea **12.00** Taking New York **1.00** Marry Me **1.30** New Girl **2.30** Melissa & Joey **3.30** Baby Daddy **4.30** How I Met Your Mother **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **11.30** Rude Tube **12.35** How I Met Your Mother **1.35** The Cleveland Show **3.10** One Tree Hill **3.50** Desperate Housewives

Film4

11.00 Treasure Island (1972) **1.00** Rio (2011) **3.00** The Hunt for Red October (1990) **5.55** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009) **9.00** Serenity (2005) **11.20** AVPR: Aliens vs Predator – Requiem (2007) **1.10** Predators (2010) **3.25** Close

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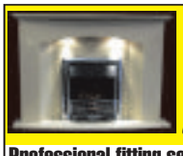

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CHOICE

Aidan Turner

Poldark (BBC1, 9pm)
New series. Period drama based on the novels by Winston Graham, originally adapted into a successful 1970s TV series. In late 18th-century Cornwall, Ross Poldark joins the army to avoid charges of smuggling, leaving behind his loved one Elizabeth – and when he returns three years later, having fought in the American War of Independence, he finds his father dead, his estate in ruins and his sweetheart engaged to another man. In need of help, he takes on a new kitchen maid after rescuing her from a beating – bringing him into conflict with hostile locals. Aidan Turner takes the title role, with Eleanor Tomlinson, Heida Reed, Warren Clarke, Mary Woodvine, Harriet Ballard, Robert Daws, Kyle Soller and Caroline Blakiston.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.45** Match of the Day. (R) **8.20** Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** BBC News. **12.25** Songs of Praise. **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Great Britain v USA. **3.35** Bargain Hunt. (R) **4.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 The Big Painting Challenge. The amateur artists travel to Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, the birthplace and ancestral home of Winston Churchill. Their first challenge sees them arranging a collection of personal items – from a large yellow hat to a skull – which they must capture on canvas using acrylics. This is followed by a quick 30-minute sketch of a giant chess board, ensuring that light and shadow are just as important as perspective and scale. In their last chance to impress before the elimination, the hopefuls paint the facade of the palace, attempting to capture the drama of its stunning architecture.

7.00 Countryfile. The team is in rural Cheshire, where Matt Baker joins an agricultural student working on his father's farm and Ellie Harrison discovers what life was like for Victorian apprentices.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Trixie and Sister Mary Cynthia team up to support a deaf mother-to-be, while a case of morning sickness proves more serious than initially suspected. Last in the series.

9.00 Poldark. New series. Period drama about a young aristocrat who returns from the battlefield to find his estate in ruins and his sweetheart engaged to another man. Aidan Turner stars.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Highlights of the third match in the FA Cup sixth round, as Liverpool faced Blackburn Rovers at Anfield.

11.05 The Apprentice USA. In an extended edition featuring two tasks, the teams have to promote and sell tickets to a live comedy event, and then film a 60-second advertisement for a new car safety device.

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Football League Show. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** FA Cup Rewind: Sixth-Round Classics. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. (R) **12.30** A Taste of Britain. **1.00** A Taste of Britain; Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.30** Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships. The final day of the meeting from the O2 Arena in Prague, Czech Republic. **5.35** Super-Powered Owls: Natural World. (R)

6.35 Pompidou. The penniless aristocrat thinks he has won the lottery, but it turns out that it his butler Hove who has actually hit the jackpot. Comedy, starring Matt Lucas.

7.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway. The concluding episode of the documentary about the construction of the Crossrail train line linking east and west London follows the work of engineers building 10 new stations. A team battles to put together the giant jigsaw that will become a cathedral-sized station at Canary Wharf. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. James May competes in a world rallycross race and Richard Hammond tests the new version of the Mazda MX-5. Plus, Nicholas Hoult is the Star in the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Let's Play Darts for Comic Relief. Gabby Logan is joined on the sofa by the celebrity players, who reflect on the highs and lows of the tournament so far and discuss the eagerly anticipated final. Then the competition reaches its climax as the two remaining famous faces and their professional partners go head to head for the title at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, Surrey. Last in the series.

10.05 The Revolution Will Be Televised. First of two compilations from the first three series of the sketch show lampooning arrogance, hypocrisy and greed in public life, starring Heydon Prowse and Jolyon Rubinstein.

10.35 Film: The Hunter. (2011) Premiere. Drama, starring Willem Dafoe, Frances O'Connor and Sam Neill.

12.10 Film: Howl. (2010) **1.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. **8.50** Scrambled!: Deadtime Stories. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** River Monsters. (R) **2.40** Catchphrase. (R) **3.25 Film:** The Living Daylights. (1987) James Bond adventure, starring Timothy Dalton.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Former England cricket captain Michael Vaughan, presenter Anna Richardson, bushcraft expert Ray Mears and Coronation Street actress Jane Danson play for charity. Last in the series.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. A foul-mouthed nun runs amok, Seb gets advice on attending a naturist wedding and Dave gives a member of the public his lucky pants.

8.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Former X Factor winner Sam Bailey and Loose Women panellist Jamelia team up with their families in an attempt to win a jackpot of £30,000 for charity.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. Nancy begins to feel the weight of her deception over her fling with Harry, Victor and Violette take a romantic trip to the coast, and Mr Grove finds out the truth from Miss Mardle.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive. Tensions reach boiling point as the celebrities face their toughest challenge yet, navigating down a powerful river, building shelters, catching food and enduring a tropical storm. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights from the 17th round of fixtures, including Bath v Sale Sharks at the Recreation Ground, Exeter Chiefs v London Welsh at Sandy Park and Wasps v Saracens at Ricoh Arena.

12.05 The Store. **2.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.55 Film:** Bride Wars. (2009) Comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway. **4.40** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.40** Channel 4 News.

6.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. Jasmine Harman and Jonnie Irwin meet a man who wants to buy a place in the south-west of France, and his partner, who is nervous of taking the plunge and would prefer Devon.

7.00 Crufts 2015: Best in Show. The final day concludes with the most prestigious prize of the competition – the Best in Show – as Clare Balding goes behind the scenes during the build-up, meets the participants and reports live from the NEC in Birmingham as the winner is announced. Last in the series.

9.00 Indian Summers. There's much excitement in Simla as the Viceroy arrives for the first of his summer visits. Ralph is troubled when he discovers the only piece of evidence that linked Chandru Mohan to the Congress Party has gone missing. Aafrin finds himself in danger when he learns there will be a search of the properties of all those who had access to the stolen item. Ian is forced to grow up quickly when he receives sad news about his uncle, while Eugene threatens to return to Chicago with Madeleine. Sarah receives information from England that sheds light on Alice's mysterious past.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts this comedy take on the quiz, with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson joined by Jo Brand and Claudia Winkleman. Bill Bailey is in Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.05 Film: The Twilight Saga: New Moon. (2009) Romantic fantasy sequel, starring Kristen Stewart.

1.25 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** River Cottage Veg Heroes. (R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. **7.10** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.10** Zack and Quack. **8.25** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.05** LazyTown. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.55** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.55 Film:** The Reef. (2006) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Freddie Prinze Jr. **3.25 Film:** Open Season 2. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Joel McHale. **4.55 Film:** Mulan. (1998) Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ming-Na and Eddie Murphy.

6.35 5 News Weekend.

6.40 Film: Hitch. (2005) A professional relationship guru, who specialises in offering advice to lonely single men, helps an unlucky-in-love accountant to woo the girl of his dreams. However, when he finds himself falling for a beautiful gossip columnist, his usual charm abandons him and he discovers his expertise counts for nothing. Romantic comedy, with Will Smith. Edited for violence and language.

9.00 Film: 21 Jump Street. (2012) Cops Schmidt and Jenko hated each other when they were at school together, but have grown up to become friends. They are forced to relive the horrors of their adolescence when their captain decides their youthful appearance makes them the perfect undercover agents to crack a high-school drug ring. Comedy inspired by the 1980s TV series, with Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum. Edited for language.

11.15 Film: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story. (2004) The struggling owner of a run-down gym tries to save his business by forming a team for the US dodgeball championships. Sporting comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn.

1.05 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 The Voice UK **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.05** Family Guy **12.30** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **1.30** Uncle **2.00** South Side Story **2.30** Sexy Beasts

BBC Four
7.00 The Great War **7.40** New Forest Badgers **7.50** Dancing Cranes of Sweden **8.00** Royal Television Society Huw Wheldon Memorial Lecture: Public Service Broadcasting – A House of Cards? **8.45** Wild Scotland **9.00** A Wolf Called Storm: Natural World Special **10.00** Storyville: India's Daughter **11.00 Film:** Bright Days Ahead (2013) **12.30** Boy George and Culture Club: Karma to Calamity **1.30** Nile Rodgers: The Hitmaker **2.30** The New Romantics – A Fine Romance **3.20** Sounds of the Eighties **3.50** Close

ITV2
11.30 Take Me Out **1.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.00** You've Been Framed! **2.30** Scorpion **3.25** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **4.50 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **6.55 Film:** Freaky Friday (2003) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **10.30 Film:** American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile (2006) **12.40** Mom **1.30** Crazy Beaches **1.55** Life's Funniest Moments **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.20 Rosemary & Thyme **12.20** A Touch of Frost **2.30** Jane Eyre **4.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.45** Inspector Morse **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** City Lights **11.35 Film:** Chaplin (1992) **2.20** Perspectives: David Suchet – People I Have Shot **3.10** Judge Judy **3.30** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4
12.45 Live Darts: UK Open. **5.00** Storage Wars **6.00** The Big Fish Off **7.00** Live Darts: UK Open. **11.00** Cricket World Cup Highlights **12.00** Brian Lara: Sports Life Stories **1.00** River Monsters: Untold Stories **2.00** Hell on Wheels **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.30 Revenge **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** The 100 **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30 Film:** Iron Man (2008) **9.00** Troy **10.00** Rude Tube **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **11.35** Tattoos After Dark **12.35** Taking New York **1.40** 2 Broke Girls **2.05** Rules of Engagement **2.50** One Tree Hill **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Brief Encounter (1945) **1.00** Step Up 3 (2010) **3.20** Jumper (2008) **5.05** Porridge (1979) **6.55** Playing for Keeps (2012) **9.00** The Adjustment Bureau (2011) **11.05** The Fourth Kind (2009) **1.05** Kelly + Victor (2012)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
The Fugitive, Channel 5, 11pm
A doctor is convicted of his wife's murder and forced to go on the run to prove his innocence – but his efforts to find the mysterious one-armed man he believes is the real killer are hampered by a tenacious US marshal. Thriller, starring Harrison Ford, an Oscar-winning Tommy Lee Jones, Sela Ward, Julianne Moore and Joe Pantoliano. (1993)

TUESDAY
Hollywoodland, BBC1, 11.40pm
Fact-based mystery focusing on the life and sudden death of actor George Reeves, famed for his role as Superman in the 1950s TV series. The story is told in flashback through the eyes of a private investigator hired by Reeves' mother to unearth the truth surrounding his mysterious fate. Starring Ben Affleck, Adrien Brody, Diane Lane and Bob Hoskins. (2006)

WEDNESDAY
Shifty, BBC1, 12.25am
London cocaine dealer Shifty finds his outlook transformed by the return of his best friend Chris after four years away. As the pair spend the day together, Shifty struggles to deal with a persistent addict and a rival with a score to settle, while at the same time confronting the bleak future he finds himself facing. Drama, starring Riz Ahmed, Daniel Mays and Jason Flemyng. (2008)

The Fugitive, Monday, Channel 5, 11pm

FRIDAY
Kick-Ass, Channel 4, 10pm
A teenage comic-book fan sets out to become a real-life superhero. His amateur crime-fighting exploits make him a media sensation, but he is soon in over his head as he encounters a sadistic gangster and a father-daughter vigilante team with a far more lethal approach to cleaning up the streets. Comic-book action comedy, with Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Chloe Grace Moretz and Nicolas Cage. (2010)

10,000 BC, ITV, 11.40pm
In prehistoric times, a young mammoth-hunter bravely combats ferocious creatures as he journeys across the wilderness to rescue his captive lover and her fellow villagers from brutal slave raiders. Roland Emmerich's fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait, Camilla Belle, Cliff Curtis and Joel Virgel. (2008)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Term-time is over as drama bids farewell

That's all folks – Waterloo Road is closing its doors for good. Almost a grown-up version of the much-missed Grange Hill, this drama was originally commissioned for just a handful of episodes way back in 2006, and yet here we are, saying our fond farewells just short of 10 years down the line.

But those years haven't been without drama. We've seen teachers and pupils come and go, giving show bosses the chance to tackle a range of issues affecting young people today, and there's even been a relocation amidst all that, from Rochdale to Greenock.

Original cast members Jason Merrells, Angela Griffin and Jamie Glover are long gone, but Laurie Brett, who plays Christine Mulgrew, is now one of the current cast's longest-serving members.

It's been a particularly busy couple of months for her, what with the live EastEnders episodes celebrating the soap's 30th anniversary in addition to Waterloo coming to an end, but she can quickly bring to mind some of her most memorable scenes from the series. "Two in particular stand out for me," she explains. "Episode 13 in series 8 when Christine's ex-husband turns up and the revelations of her really dark past come out, and episode 19 of series 9 when she quite spectacularly falls off the wagon and has a meltdown at the school. Both episodes were really challenging and all-consuming but I think it's been the best work I've ever done."

Asked why she thinks the show has done so well for all these years, she says: "It's one of the few shows that a whole family including grandparents, parents and kids can find appealing enough to sit down and watch together. And it gives them an inroad to then talk about really topical issues and it's very rare to find a TV programme that allows that."

Brett adds: "I will really miss Christine, I have adored playing her. In five years' time, she'll be on a gorgeous beach with George Windsor, sipping non-alcoholic cocktails."

Well… it's probably safe to say the actress won't be left twiddling her thumbs and short of work.

As the series wraps up, the school pulls out all the stops in a desperate bid to halt the merger with Havelock High, and with no Vaughan, the students take matters into their own hands and try to uncover the council's real plans, after discovering it's been less than transparent before now. But with the council and its supporters out in force to convince the community and parents that the merger is the best outcome for everyone, who will win?

Meanwhile, Marco has suspicions about Lorna's ex-husband. However, his meddling only serves to land him and Kenzie in a dangerous situation.

Speaking of Kenzie, she has a decision to make – who will finally win her heart, Scott or Justin?

Neil Pearson, Stefano Braschi, Lorna Aikman and Charlotte Beaumont are among the top-drawer cast starring alongside Laurie Brett.

Waterloo Road, Monday, BBC1, 11.15pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
10,000 BC
Channel 5, 10pm
Not to be confused with Roland Emmerich's pre-historic namesake epic, this spin on the Big Brother formula was inevitable at some point. Take a bunch of eclectic strangers, dress them like extras from Hammer classic One Million Years BC, and film them as they attempt to survive in the wild, without Wi-fi or take-out. In the final episode, there are just six days to go. Following Paul's departure from the experiment and Mike ill in the medic tent with possible liver damage, four people remain in camp. New leader Mel is working harder than ever in Mike's absence, and is concerned that she will be the next one to crack. Alas, things go from bad to worse when a sudden frost leaves foraging impossible.

TUESDAY
MasterChef
BBC1, 9pm
New series. John Torode and Gregg Wallace return to put more keen cooks to the test. The first five hopefuls begin by serving up their Calling Card, a dish that showcases their talent – and this year, it carries a prize as the judges' two favourites will sail through to the third round. Then it's new challenge the Reinvention Test, in which they create a new plate of food based on their main ingredient from the first round, before one goes home and the rest cook dinner for a trio of former MasterChef champions.

Nurse
BBC2, 10pm
If you note Paul Whitehouse's name in a new comedy, the chances are you're going to pay a certain degree of attention – and, rest assured, you won't be disappointed here. He stars in this comedy, adapted by David Cummings and himself from their Radio 4 series of the same name, about a community psychiatric nurse on her rounds as she visits her patients in their homes. The comic explains: "Nurse is a project close to my heart, it's an opportunity to explore issues and characters at a deeper level, while trying to find humour and hope in difficult situations." Esther Coles stars as Liz, the nurse, while Whitehouse takes on roles including an agoraphobic and a soldier with post-traumatic stress disorder.

WEDNESDAY
24 Hours in A&E
Channel 4, 9pm
For most of us, a hard day at the office includes little more than one's email playing up and the coffee machine running out of cups. So spare a thought for the people featured in this series, following life in a busy A&E department – where matters of life and death are a daily constant. This week, the staff help Nikki, 50, and her mum Angela, 68, after they are involved in a serious road traffic accident, leaving both of them with several complex injuries. Meanwhile, 53-year-old Ellen arrives at the unit after falling over in a shop and injuring her elbow, and seven-year-old Jack is rushed to hospital after suffering an open fracture to his arm and a blow to the head as a result of an accident at a wedding.

Bear Grylls: Mission Survive, Friday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Comic Relief: Operation Health
BBC1, 9pm
As part of this year's Comic Relief, Lenny Henry leads a team of celebrities on a mission to rebuild a decrepit rural health centre in Uganda. What they find are semi-derelict buildings with no running water, no electricity and an infestation of rats and other vermin. As a result, many patients are too scared to stay the night. Can Dermot O'Leary, John Bishop, Richard Hammond, Steve Backshall, Doon Mackichan and Greg James give the centre the kiss of life it so desperately needs?

FRIDAY
Comic Relief – Face the Funny
BBC1, 7pm
Red Nose Day returns with an evening of entertainment to raise money for disadvantaged people in the UK and Africa, and this year the fun comes live from the London Palladium. Lenny Henry and Davina McCall kick off the first hour of laughs, which includes Rowan Atkinson in a new Mr Bean sketch. At 8pm, David Walliams joins Davina as co-host, and from 9pm, Davina and John Bishop present a brand new Little Britain sketch.

Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
ITV, 9pm
As the remaining six celebrities pass the halfway point of the 12-day mission, they are starting to toughen up, but with one suffering from mosquito bites and another requiring treatment for trench foot, life in the jungle is beginning to take its toll. Arriving at a two-mile cave system, the contestants have to eat tarantulas' legs for breakfast, before using their rope skills to navigate the tight spaces and waterfall descents ahead, keeping a lookout for snakes, bats – and their dinner, a fresh pig carcass that Bear has hidden somewhere in the cave.

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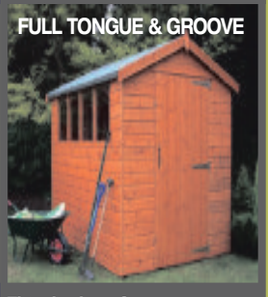

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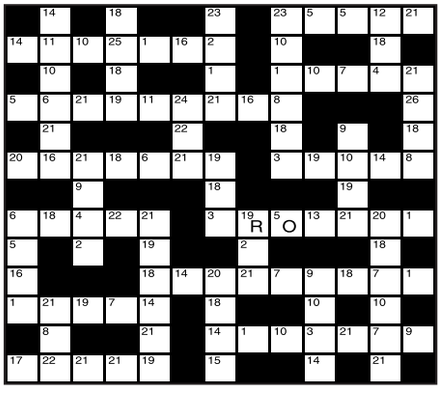

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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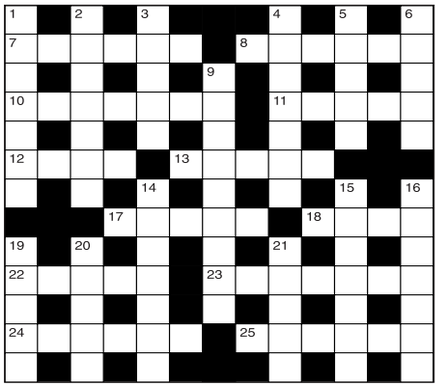
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Odd description of something rough (6)
8. Not French apparently, but it could be (6)
10. At length speaks of details (7)
11. Admit defeat and throw it in (5)
12. Has wrongly won a point (4)
13. New bread out of its wrapping (5)
17. Pronounce as absolute (5)
18. It becomes inflamed by the lash (4)
22. Raffle a number, in a manner of speaking (5)
23. Never finishing, due to lack of time? (7)
24. This boat may be tied up (6)
25. Figure it's all round (6)

Down

1. Open exit (7)
2. He has a fish for curing (7)
3. Likely to snap under pressure (5)
4. Stories about raids (7)
5. Opinions wives expressed differently (5)
6. Be quiet with a beer or a mineral (5)
9. Property conveyance? (6,3)
14. Studio that is later converted (7)
15. Soaked in the deepest concoction (7)
16. Lead on? (7)
19. Choose to make a fuss over physical exercise (5)
20. A month in advance (5)
21. Large quantities out of shape (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Foreign (6)
8. Fold (6)
10. Full (7)
11. Cast (5)
12. Location (4)
13. Tranquillity (5)
17. Commonplace (5)
18. Rip (4)
22. Stir (5)
23. Sundry (7)
24. Comrade (6)
25. Hide (6)

Down

1. Quell (7)
2. Contend (7)
3. Tendon (5)
4. Introduction (7)
5. Swift (5)
6. Edge (5)
9. Faulty (9)
14. Liberty (7)
15. Enthusiast (7)
16. Give (7)
19. Surly (5)
20. Hector (5)
21. Cost (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Cadet; 4 Stirrup; 8 Outfits; 9 Slice; 10 Shop; 11 Terriers; 13 Chit; 14 Knot; 16 Penchant; 17 Brag; 20 Shrug; 21 Allegro; 22 Silence; 23 Put up. Down: 1 Cross purposes; 2 Ditto; 3 Trim; 4 System; 5 Insuring; 6 Raiment; 7 Pressure group; 12 Michigan; 13 Control; 15 Inmate; 18 Right; 19 Clap. QUICK - Across: 1 Obese; 4 Benefit; 8 Trivial; 9 Clear; 10 Fate; 11 Crotchet; 13 Deep; 14 Very; 16 Impaired; 17 Idea; 20 Naive; 21 Curtail; 22 Elector; 23 Glass. Down: 1 Out of patience; 2 Exist; 3 Evil; 4 Belfry; 5 Niceties; 6 Freshly; 7 Turn the tables; 12 Sediment; 13 Deprive; 15 Fencer; 18 Drama; 19 Prig.

Quiz

1. What is kerosene called in the UK?
2. Who ranks immediately below Lord Chief Justice?
3. In which Australian city was Prince Charles rushed by David Kang?
4. How is paralysis agitans otherwise known?
5. Which US secret society was formed in 1866?
6. How is the rose bay shrub otherwise known?
7. In which religion is nirvana the attainment of perfect serenity?
8. Which two countries share the Pindus Mountains?
9. Which English writer's first novel was Crome Yellow?
10. Of which great orchestra was James Galway a member from 1969-75?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Jimmy Carter; 2 Tottenham Hotspur; 3 Parsifal; 4 Cribbage; 5 John Gummer; 6 F R Leavis; 7 Speed skating; 8 DNA; 9 Flamenco; 10 Southern Cross.

Niner: PARCHMENT

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

639 gives an animal,
53124 gives a snake,
23178 gives a bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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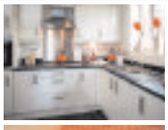
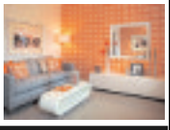

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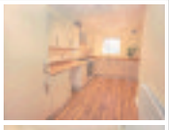
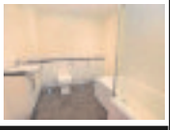

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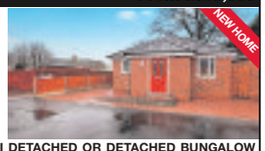

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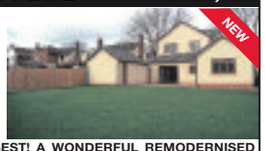

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"A CHAIN FREE SUPERB CORNER PLOT DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING OUTSTANDING LIVING ACCOMMODATION" To include lounge, entertainment family dining kitchen, utility, FIVE BEDROOMS, three bathroom, double detached garage with remote gated secure parking, front, side & rear garden. Energy rating C

WILLENHALL ST ANNES ROAD — £250,000

"A BRAND NEW EXCLUSIVE CUL-DE-SAC DEVELOPMENT OF 55 OUTSTANDING HOMES OFFERING 2, 3, 4 & 6 BEDROOM DETACHED, SEMI DETACHED, TOWN HOUSES AND APARTMENTS" For further details contact 01902 710170. EPC rating TBC

WEDNESFIELD, LICHFIELD ROAD — £210,000

●●●A CHAIN FREE SHOWHOME STYLED HIGHLY DECEPTIVE EXTENDED DETACHED HOME●●● Comprising lounge with adjoining dining room, feature conservatory, large dining kitchen, games room/ occasional bedroom, THREE/FOUR BEDROOMS, FEATURE BATHROOM & EN-SUITE, front & rear garden, off road parking. EPC Rating C

FEATHERSTONE CANNOCK ROAD — £187,500

"SITUATED CLOSE TO THE BORDERS OF HILTON & SHARESHILL, THIS EXTENDED DETACHED FAMILY HOME REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE" Comprising ground floor w.c, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, utility, conservatory, office, 4 BEDROOMS, MASTER EN SUITE, bathroom, off road parking, rear garden. EPC Rating C

WEDNESFIELD WICKHAM GARDENS — £175,000

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DETACHED RESIDENCE" Comprising lounge, dining kitchen, 21FT FEATURE CONSERVATORY, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, the rear of the property also has a ground floor area with bedroom 4/ annex opportunity with adjoining w.c/utility. The property also has a large frontage with land to side. EPC Rating D

CHURCH VIEW ST ANNES ROAD — £165,000

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WEDNESFIELD BLUEBELL CRESCENT — £165,000

"SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION THIS EXTENDED 3 BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE" Comprising hall, lounge, diner, games/ reception room, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master en suite), bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

WEDNESFIELD ARGIL CLOSE — £159,995

"A WONDERFUL MODERN DETACHED RESIDENCE SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION JUST OFF LINTHOUSE LANE" This home offers fantastic living accommodation to include fitted kitchen, wc, generous open plan lounge diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking & rear garden, integral garage with utility. EPC Rating D

CHURCH VIEW ST ANNES ROAD — £159,995

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WEDNESFIELD KERSLEY GARDENS — £150,000

"SET IN A DESIRABLE CUL-DE-LOCATION BORDERING PLAYING FIELDS THIS DORMER BUNGALOW OFFERS FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION WITH GROUND & FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS" Comprising kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, TWO BATHROOMS, DETACHED GARAGE, secured gated side parking, large front & rear garden. EPC Rating TBC

WILLENHALL LITTLE ISLAND DRIVE — £145,000

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE THREE STOREY MODERN END TOWN HOUSE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WILLENHALL, WEDNESFIELD AND THE M6 MOTORWAY" Comprising lounge, dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms set over 2 floors, MASTER EN SUITE & BATHROOM, integral garage, front and rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating C

WEDNESFIELD LINTHOUSE LANE — £145,000

"SET ON THE POPULAR LINTHOUSE LANE THIS HIGHLY DECEPTIVE CHAIN FREE SEMI DETACHED HOME REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE" Comprising lounge, generous open plan family living room, 19ft kitchen diner, three bedrooms & attic area, fitted bathroom, front & private rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

WEDNESFIELD COLMAN AVENUE — £139,999

"SET ON A GENEROUS CORNER PLOT THIS CHAIN FREE TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOME OFFERS FANTASTIC POTENTIAL" Comprising frontage with ample off road parking, rear garden, 15ft garage, 31ft open plan lounge diner, kitchen with breakfast area (previously part of the garage), three bedrooms & bathroom. EPC Rating TBC

OLD HALL PARK GATCOMBE CLOSE — £135,000

"THIS CHAIN FREE HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SEMI DETACHED HOME IS SET ON THE POPULAR OLD HALL PARK ESTATE" Comprising lounge, open plan kitchen diner, conservatory, utility/ office, THREE BEDROOMS, fitted bathroom, off road parking, 20ft GARAGE & PLEASANT REAR GARDEN WITH FEATURE DECKED AREA. EPC Rating D

CHURCH VIEW ST ANNES ROAD — £125,000

"A BRAND NEW EXCLUSIVE CUL-DE-SAC DEVELOPMENT OF 55 OUTSTANDING HOMES OFFERING 2, 3, 4 & 6 BEDROOM DETACHED, SEMI DETACHED, TOWN HOUSES AND APARTMENTS" For further details contact 01902 710170. EPC Rating TBC

WILLENHALL HATHAWAY CLOSE — £120,000

"A MODERN DETACHED RESIDENCE SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATOIN OFFERING FANTASTIC LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising ample off road parking to front and side, pleasant rear garden with feature decked area, DETACHED GARAGE, lounge, fitted open plan dining kitchen, two bedrooms, fitted bathroom. EPC Rating D

WILLENHALL MEMORIAL CLOSE — £115,000

Starter home property comprises of reception hall, LOUNGE, breakfast kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, family bathroom, new double glazing and central heating, GARDENS to front and rear and ample off road parking. Energy rating: D.

WEDNESFIELD CORONATION ROAD — £69,999

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- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Separate W.C
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Offers in the region of £159,995

Grenville Court
Shifnal
- Semi detached house
- Spacious Lounge / Diner
- Kitchen with Seperate Utility
- Conservatory
- Master bedroom with Ensuite
- Two Further Double Bedrooms & Study
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Parking for several cars

Offers in the region of £204,995

Albrighton
Fair Lawn
- 3 Double Bedroom Semi-Detached house
- Cul de Sac location
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Separate Utility
- Lounge/Diner
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Driveway Parking & Garage
- Low Maintenance Gardens

Offers in the region of £274,950

Shifnal
Wheatfield Drive
- Detached Family Home in a Popular Location
- Lounge With Feature Fireplace
- Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Private Rear Garden.
- Driveway Parking and Detached Garage

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Middle Chambers, 3 Ryton Hall
- Imposing, Converted Georgian Mansion
- Dining Hall, Drawing Room
- Breakfast Kitchen with Snug, Gas C/H
- Elegant Staircase and Galleried Landing
- 3 Double Bedrooms all En-suite
- High Quality Fittings Throughout
- Allocated Parking
- Premier Village Location

Offers in the region of £134,950

Shifnal
Haughton Road
- In Need of Modernisation
- No Upward Chain
- Spacious Internal Accomodation
- Larger Than Average Plot
- Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Driveway
- Sizable Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £149,950

Broseley
Cockshutt Lane
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Within walking distance of the centre and Primary School
- Lounge/Dining room
- Kitchen
- House Bathroom
- Garage plus Workshop. Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Offers in the region of £164,950

Shifnal
High Street
- Spacious 4 bedroom terraced Family home
- Stylish Lounge
- Spacious Dining Room
- Kitchen & Separate Utility
- Built in wardrobes to 3 Generous Bedrooms
- Further fourth bedroom
- Large Rear Garden & Brick Outbuilding
- Early Viewing Is Essential

Offers in the region of £229,950

Albrighton
Grange Park
- Detached Family Home
- Generous Lounge / Diner
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Newly Fitted Carpets Throughout
- Recently Fitted Double Glazing
- Private Rear Garden, Driveway & Garage
- Popular Cul De Sac Location

Offers in the region of £289,950

Near Shifnal
Cherry Tree House
- Fabulous Detached Property
- Completely Refurbished
- Stylish Lounge with High Quality Burner
- Superior Kitchen & Separate utility
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three/ Four Bedrooms
- Lovely Garden, Garage And Driveway
- Picturesque Location

Offers invited around £369,950

Beech Drive
Shifnal
- Larger Than Average Corner Plot in this Desirable Location
- Superb Detached Family Home
- Stylish Lounge With Woodburner
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility Room
- Stunning Conservatory
- Four Double Bedrooms, Master With En Suite
- Family Bathroom & Downstairs Cloakroom
- Large Rear Garden, Detached Double Garage & Large Driveway

Offers in the region of £159,950

Shifnal
Shrewsbury Road
- Delightful Period Cottage
- In need Of Cosmetic Modernisation
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Two Generous Double Bedrooms
- Cottage Style Gardens To Front & Rear
- Close To The Heart Of Shifnal
- No upward chain

Offers in the region of £186,950

Maple Close
Shifnal
- Fabulous Link Detached Family Home
- Stylish Decor Throughout
- Elegant Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Spacious Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Private rear garden
- Driveway Parking & Garage

Offers in the region of £244,950

Priorslee
Holborn Crescent
- Detached Residence In A Fabulous Location
- Stylish Decor Throughout
- Spacious Lounge & Separate Dining Room
- Stunning Kitchen with Separate Utility Room ● Downstairs Cloakroom
- Four Bedrooms, Master With en suite
- Generous Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway Parking

Offers in the region of £299,950

Shifnal
Mountpleasant
- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Cottage
- Fully refurbished and Extended to a High Standard
- 2 Reception Rooms
- High Spec Kitchen Bathroom
- Rural Outlook, Rural fringe in Shifnal
- Double Detached Garage and extensive Parking
- Conservatory
- Early viewing Recommended

Offers around £369,995

Shifnal
Stevanna, Haughton Road
- Premium Residence in Prime Location
- Four Bedroom Detached property
- Fabulous Family Breakfast Kitchen
- Stylish Lounge
- Separate Dining Room
- Master Suite With Dressing Area & En Suite
- Large House Bathroom
- Detached Double Garage and Extensive Parking

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Offers in the region of £199,950

Albrighton
Shaw Lane
- Three bedroom end terraced property
- Premier Residential Area of Albrighton
- Surprisingly spacious ground floor accommodation
- Extended by the current owners
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Large bathroom with Feature Jacuzzi Bath

Offers invited around £259,950

Victoria Road
Shifnal
- Fabulous Period Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen with Dining Area and Braeburn
- Utility Room & Cloaks
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Fabulous Family Bathroom
- Longer Than Average Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking to The Rear

Offers in the region of £326,950

Blymhill Lawn, Shifnal
Bramble Cottage
- Fabulous Cottage In A Superb Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Kitchen With Oil Fired Rayburn ● Four Bedrooms
- Restyled Bathroom & Ground Floor Shower Room
- Detached Garage & Office Facility
- Glorious Surroundings & Views
- Early Viewing Highly Recommended.

Offers invited around £549,950

Park Lane
Shifnal
- Architectually Designed 4 BedroomDetached
- Very High Specification Throughout
- Premium Location
- One of Shifnal's most Desirable Residential Areas
- Unspoilt Rural Outlook with Extensive Views
- Excellent access to Shifnal Centre
- German Designer KUTCHENHAUS Kitchen
- Double Detached Garage, plus Gravel Driveway

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SPRINGHILL PARK LOWER PENN

A spacious and most distinguished Detached Double Fronted Family Residence of much character built in attractive neo Elizabethan style enjoying a lovely secluded setting in this highly sought after road with breathtaking open views at the rear. Enclosed porch, reception hall, sitting room, fine drawing room, dining room, double glazed conservatory, large utility room, shower/wet room, kitchen with breakfast area, semi galleried landing, four good sized bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., loft room, double width garage, DG, gas CH, delightfully landscaped gardens, property stands in approx. 0.27 acre. Energy rating: E

£485,000

BIRCHCROFT COVEN

A highly attractive Detached Double Fronted Bungalow of considerable appeal, holding a pleasant setting in this highly popular residential area only a short distance from Coven village centre. Porch, hall, lounge/dining area, well fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 double glazed conservatories, two bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, GCH, large garage, laid out gardens to the front, side and rear, considerable extension possibilities (subject to pp). Energy rating: B.

Offers £269,950

BROWNSHORE LANE ESSINGTON

A beautifully presented and well appointed extended Detached Family residence of exceptional attraction enjoying an impressive corner setting in this much sought after area. Enclosed porch with large store room off, reception hall, attractive lounge, separate dining room, study/sitting room/ bedroom 4, kitchen, rear lobby, cloakroom with w.c., utility area, landing, principal bedroom with large ensuite shower room off, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, DG, CH, garage, delightfully landscaped gardens. Energy rating: C

£249,995

TURNPIKE WAY COVEN

A beautifully presented and highly attractive Detached Family Residence appointed and decorated to a very high standard, enjoying a pleasant setting only a short distance from the village centre with many lovely country walks nearby. Tile canopy porch, hall, guests cloakroom, splendid lounge, large uPVC DG conservatory, superbly fitted dining kitchen, principal bedroom with ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms, deluxe family bathroom, uPVC DG, gas CH, car port, garage, landscaped gardens. Early sale desired. Energy rating: D

£249,500

PENTLAND GARDENS COMPTON

An extended Detached Bungalow of much attraction and charm enjoying a lovely secluded setting in this highly popular neighbourhood. Standing in delightfully landscaped gardens, the property offers: Reception hall, guests cloakroom, fine 21ft lounge, refitted dining kitchen, utility, inner hall, two bedrooms, uPVC double glazed conservatory, deluxe shower room, uPVC DG, CH, garage, workshop/ garden store. Viewing recommended. Energy rating: D

£199,950

PUBLIC NOTICE

GOSPEL ASH CHURCH, BOBBINGTON An offer of £200,000 has been submitted for this impressive Victorian Chapel believed to have been built circa 1884 with later additions, pleasantly situated in this popular semi rural area backing onto Half Penny Green airfield. Ideal for change of use to a residential home of character and distinction (STPP). Anyone wishing to submit a further offer on this desirable property must do so in writing to reach our Wolverhampton office by no later than 5.00pm Monday 16th March 2015.

CHADWELL GARDENS CODSALL

A particularly pleasing Linked Detached Bungalow enjoying a lovely end of cul-de-sac setting overlooking open playing fields at the rear and only a short distance from Codsall village centre. Covered entrance, reception hall, attractive lounge/dining area, kitchen, sun lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom, DG, gas CH, garage, sun loggia, landscaped gardens. No upward chain. Energy rating: D.

£189,995

TURF COTTAGES, PENN COMMON

A period Mid Terraced Cottage in need of some updating but affording considerable potential for improvement and extension, enjoying a lovely setting with breath taking views over The Common, Penn Golf Course and far reaching views beyond. Enclosed porch, lounge, dining room, inner lobby, bathroom, kitchen, two bedrooms, part uPVC DG, gas CH, rear garden, large garden store. No upward chain. Awaiting EPC.

Offers From £165,000

WYNN ROAD PENN

A very spacious Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable attraction standing in a large beautifully landscaped garden setting backing onto open playing fields. Enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, two useful storage cupboards, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, partially converted loft room with velux window, uPVC DG, CH, large garage. ●●NO UPWARD CHAIN●● Energy rating: D

Offers £185,000

OAK ROAD BREWOOD

An extended Semi Detached Family House of much appeal enjoying a pleasant setting just off Vicarage Road and within walking distance of Brewood's picturesque village centre. Reception Hall, cloakroom with w.c., 'L' shaped Lounge, superbly fitted Kitchen opening out into Dining Area, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, Garage, Neatly laid out garden. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

Offers, guide £179,995

WHITEHALL ROAD PENN

Standing on a wide and most impressive frontage in this very popular secluded cul-de-sac just off Sandringham Road, a most pleasing Semi Detached Family Residence offering: enclosed porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear lobby with 2 large walk-in stores (potential utility room), three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, car port, uPVC DG, easy to maintain rear garden. Considerable extension possibilities (subject to PP). Energy rating: D

Offers £155,000

MERRIDALE RD WOLVERHAMPTON

An extended and surprisingly spacious Semi Detached Family Residence of much attraction conveniently situated for the city centre and a wide range of local facilities. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, uPVC double glazed conservatory, extended breakfast kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage at the rear, generous sized gardens. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

£152,500

GLENMORE CLOSE BRADMORE

Beautifully presented Detached Bungalow of considerable attraction enjoying a lovely end of cul-de-sac setting in this popular area. Hall entrance, lounge/dining area, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, gas CH, parking space, landscaped rear garden with sunny aspect. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

£139,950

GROSVENOR PARK PENN

A particularly attractive and well presented first floor retirement flat holding a pleasant setting within this popular complex standing in delightfully landscaped grounds. Reception hall, lounge/dining area, refitted kitchen, double bedroom, deluxe shower room, electric heating, uPVC DG. There is a communal lounge, kitchen and laundry room. Guest suite available for families/visitors (subject to small charge). Energy rating: B

£65,500

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14 LONGDON AVENUE
GOLDTHORN PARK,
WOLVERHAMPTON

Well presented three bedroomed Semi., through lounge, Conservatory, kitchen, utility,
bathroom, Gas CH., garage, attractive rear garden. EPC: D66

Guide: £140,000 / £145,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th MARCH @ 10.00 a.m.

193 DIXON STREET
WOLVERHAMPTON

Investment

Mid Terraced, hall, lounge. kitchen, rear hall, wc., three bedrooms, bathroom, Gas CH, rear garden, off-road parking EPC: C.74

Guide: £65,000 / £70,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th MARCH @ 10.30 a.m.

84 BELMONT ROAD
PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON

Detached House in popular district, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, pantry, garden lounge, wc., three bedrooms, bathroom, Gas CH., large extended garage, garden with double gates on rear boundary. EPC: E.50

Guide: £120,000 / £125,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th MARCH @ 11.00 a.m.

426 PENN ROAD
WOLVERHAMPTON

Large and impressive Freehold building converted to three flats -
Flat No. 2 (First Floor) breakfast room, lounge, inner landing, bedroom 1 with en suite
shower, bedroom 2, w.c. EPC: F.34
Flat No. 3 (Second Floor) lounge / kitchen area, double bedroom, bathroom. EPC: G2
(NOTE: Ground Floor Flat No. 1 - in separate ownership and not included in sale).

Guide: £70,000 / £80,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th MARCH @ 11.15 a.m.

19 MILL LANE, TETTENHALL WOOD,
WOLVERHAMPTON

Excellent location with open land to rear Spacious Semi, lounge, dining area, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom, Gas CH., garage & off-road parking, enclosed rear garden. EPC: C.73

Guide: £150,000 / £155,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th MARCH @ 12.00 noon

175 PENN ROAD
WOLVERHAMPTON

An impressive double fronted residence in prime location. Wide hall, through lounge, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, lobby, wc and store, fine landing, three double bedrooms, bathroom. Outside: loggia, lovely gardens with wooded backdrop. EPC: G19

Guide: £240,000 / £260,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th MARCH @ 12.15 p.m.

PARADES OF LOCK-UP GARAGES

r/o 67 / 73 BRIDGNORTH ROAD,

COMPTON, WOLVERHAMPTON

Eleven (+ one derelict) in two parades

- seven currently let producing

£2,100 p.a.

Potential gross income £3,300 p.a.

Guide: £18,000 / £23,000

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68 BLACKWELL STREET

Freehold Shop Premises in busy area, approx. half mile from Town Centre.
Shop unit with display window. Living Accommodation over - kitchen, lounge, bathroom,
two double bedrooms on Second Floor. EPC: TBA

Guide: £75,000 / £85,000

VIEWING BY APPOINTMENT

229 TRYSULL ROAD

WOLVERHAMPTON

Two Building Plots

Large site - approx. 75ft. road frontage.

Planning Permission granted to demolish

bungalow and erect

Two x 4 Bedroomed Detached Houses

Guide £180,000 / £190,000

VIEW FROM ROAD FRONTAGE

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WOLVERHAMPTON £250,000 |
RAVENSHOLME

● Epc Rated D ● Substantial Detached Family Home ● Viewing Essential ● Desirable Location ● Through Lounge / Dining Room ● Extended Fitted Kitchen ● Wc & Separate Cloakroom ● Three Double Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom/ Wc ● Double Garage & Driveway & Gardens

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WOLVERHAMPTON £222,500 |
SUTHERLAND ROAD

● EPC Rating Grade E ● Detached Property ● Four Bedrooms ● Two Reception Rooms ● Large Kitchen / Diner ● Family Bathroom ● Rear Garden ● Garage ● Off Road Parking

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WOLVERHAMPTON £194,950 |
SPRINGHILL AVENUE

● Epc Awaited ● Semi Detached Family Home ● Substantially Extended ● Lounge ● Open Plan Kitchen / Family Room ● Dining Room / Utility Room ● Master Bedroom With En-suite ● Three Further Bedrooms ● Upstairs Bathroom & Downstairs Wc ● Garage & Driveway & Gardens

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WOLVERHAMPTON £170,000 |
JEREMY ROAD

● Epc Rated F ● Semi Detached Family Home ● Beautifully Presented ● Two Reception Rooms ● Modern Kitchen ● Downstairs Wc & Utility / Sun Room ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom & Wc ● Garage ● Driveway & Gardens

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WOLVERHAMPTON £130,000
LANGLEY ROAD

● Epc Awaited ● Modern Family Home ● Extremely Well Presented Accommodation ● Through Lounge / Dining Room ● Conservatory ● Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen ● Study / Bedroom ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathoom / Wc ● Delightful Gardens

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WOLVERHAMPTON £124,950 |
EGERTON ROAD

● EPC Rating Grade Is E ● Traditional Semi Detached Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Well - Presented Accommodation ● Kitchen Installed 2013 ● Through Lounge ● Three Bedrooms ● Stylish Bathroom / WC ● Ground Floor WC & Storage Shed ● Off Road Parking & Gardens

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WOLVERHAMPTON £95,000 |
UTTOXETER CLOSE

● EPC Rating Grade Is C ● Modern Linked Semi Detached ● Entrance Porch ● Lounge ● Guest Cloakroom ● Kitchen Dining Room ● Three Good Bedrooms ● Bathroom / Wc ● Off Road Parking ● Gardens To Front & Rear

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WOLVERHAMPTON £79,950 |
NORFOLK ROAD

● EPC rating grade D ● Traditional Terraced Home ● Two Reception Rooms ● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom / Wc ● Two Bedrooms ● Rear Garden ● Double Glazing As Stated ● Gas Fired Central Heating System ● No Upward Chain

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WOLVERHAMPTON £75,500 |
STRATHFIELD WALK

● Awaiting EPC ● Ground Floor One Bedroom Flat ● One Double Bedroom ● Large Reception Room ● Kitchen / Diner ● Off Road Parking ● Viewing Essential

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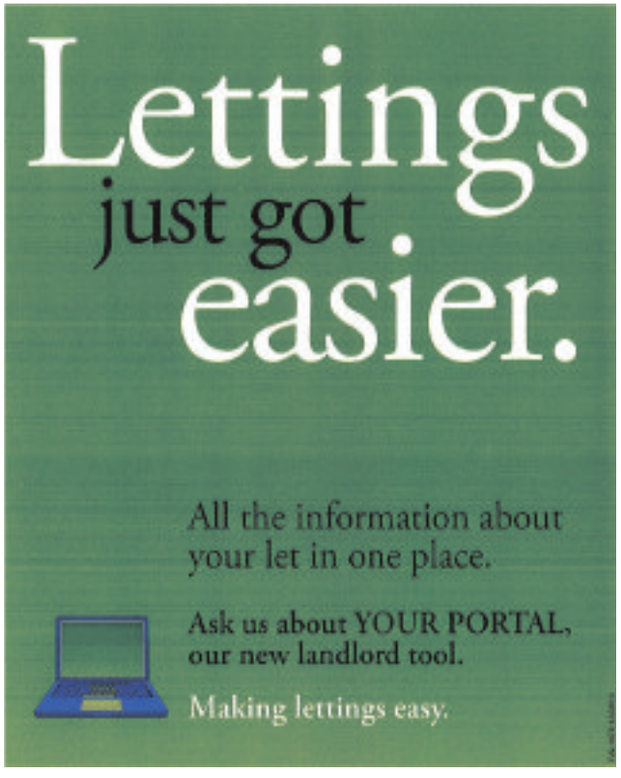

ST. PHILIPS AVENUE | **£895**

●Extended Family Home In The Popular Penn Area Of Wolverhampton ● Entrance Hallway ● Lounge ● Spacious Dining/sitting Room ● Kitchen ● Cloakroom/wc ● Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower/wc ● Three Further Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom ● Driveway Leading To The Garage ● Large Rear Garden ● Available To View Now

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RABY STREET | **£750**

● A Fantastic New Build Property Within Easy Reach Of Wolverhampton City Centre ● Based Over Three Floors ● Kitchen/dining Room ● Cloakroom W/c ● Lounge ● Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower W/c ● Three Further Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom ● Viewing Essential

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CORNWALL ROAD | **£600**

● Situated Within Walking Distance Of Highly Sought After Tettenhall Village ● Large Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen ● Downstairs W/c ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom With Shower ● Allocated Parking. ● Double Glazing And Central Heating ● Available Beginning Of February.

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MORVILLE CROFT | **£425**

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LENNOX GARDENS | **£375**

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- EPC Grade E,Three Bed Link Detached
- 2 Receptions, Conservatory, Lobby
- Extended Kitchen, Garage,Gardens
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

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FITZMAURICE RD | £127,500

- EPC Rate Awaited, Superb Two Bed Semi
- Canalside Access, Conservatory
- Side Lobby, Double Glazing
- GCHeating
- Driveway, Available With NO CHAIN

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WADDENS BROOK | £115,000

- EPC Rating Grade Awaited, Three Bed
- Downstairs Wetroom/WC
- Double Glazing,Gas Heating,Driveway
- Gardens,NO CHAIN.

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COLMAN AVENUE | £110,000

- EPC Rate Awaited,Three Bedroom Semi
- 2 Reception Rooms,Rear Lobby, WC
- Utility Room,Gardens, Off Road Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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LICHWOOD ROAD | £105,000

- EPC Rating Awaited, Three Bed Terraced
- Downstairs WC,First Floor Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden,Gated Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN.

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LINNET GROVE | £260,000

- EPC Rate Awaited,Five Bed Detached
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory, CulDeSac
- Ensuite To Master Bedroom,Gardens
- Parking, Garage, Double Glazing&GCH.

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WOOD END ROAD | £192,500

- EPC Rate E,L Shape Kitchen
- Stunning Extended Detached
- Two Receptions,Shower Room
- Utility Lobby,Rear Garden,Parking

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VERWOOD CLOSE | £190,000

- EPC Rate is D,Five Bedroom Detached
- Cul De Sac Location,Lounge/Diner,
- Sitting Room,Sun Room,Shower Room
- Enclosed Gardens,Driveway & Garage.

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FAIRVIEW CRES | £129,950

- EPC Rate D,Extended Three Bed Semi
- Corner Plot,2 Receptions, Utility Room
- Garage Converted To Kitchen
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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BILSTON ROAD | £115,000

- EPC Rate D,Large 3 Bed Terraced
- Modern Bathroom Suite, Ample Parking
- Gas Central Heating,Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing Where Stated

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GRIFFITHS DRIVE | £105,000

- EPC Rating Is Awaited, Three Bed Semi
- Corner Plot, Two Receptions
- Parking
- Double Glazing (Part), Central Heating
- Rear Gardens, NO UPWARD CHAIN

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SHARDLOW ROAD | £100,000

- EPC Awaited, OFFERS OVER £100,000
- Fabulous Investment Potential
- Three Bedroom Semi With Garage
- Gardens & Driveway

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AMOS LANE | £99,950

- Three Bed Terraced With Driveway
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Great Location, No Upward Chain.
- EPC Rating Awaited.

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BUCKINGHAM DRIVE | £625

- EPC Ratings Awaited
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
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- Available Now

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RYAN AVENUE | £575

- EPC Rating Grade Awaited
- Three Bedrooms, Downstairs WC
- Driveway & Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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FISHER STREET | £550

- EPC Rate Awaited,Three Bed Terraced
- Two Receptions,Double Glazing,
- Central Heating,Sorry No DSS/Pets.
- Downstairs Shower room/WC

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HART ROAD | £375

- EPC Ratings Awaited
- Three Bedroom Mid Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Converted Loft

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BLOXWICH ROAD | £320

- EPC Rating Grade Is F,One Bedroom Flat
- Private Entrance,Lounge, Bedroom
- Modern Kitchen,Shower Room
- Sorry No DHSS or No Pets, View Today

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Viewfield Crescent

* A Beautifully presented Bungalow
* OPEN ASPECT VIEWS
* Large lounge with dining area
* Modern kitchen
* Two DOUBLE bedrooms
* Bathroom with 'white' suite
* Upvc double glazed windows
* Block paved driveway
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £225,000

COSELEY

Flamborough Way

* A BEAUTIFULLY presented detached
* Quiet cul-de-sac location
* Exceptional open plan design
* Large Kitchen/breakfast/diner
* Large 'L' shaped lounge
* FIVE Bedrooms
* En-suite and bathroom
* Well maintained rear garden
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £239,950

COSELEY

Flamborough Way

* A MODERN DETATCHED
* Cul-de sac location
* Kitchen and utility
* Conservatory
* FOUR bedrooms
* En-suite & house bathroom
* Rear Garden & driveway
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £239,000

COSELEY

Upper Ettingshall Road

* Presenting a DETACHED property
* Popular residential area
* In need of some modernisation
* Lounge AND dining room
* Kitchen & bathroom on the ground floor
* TWO bedrooms * Ensuite
* Fully Upvc double glazed,
* A garage and driveway parking
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £172,500

SEDGLEY

Brownswall Road

* A traditonal style Semi-detached
* Ever popular Brownswall Estate
* Open plan style lounge/dining
* TWO bedrooms
* good size tandem garage
* Beautiful rear gardens
* VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

COSELEY

Whitegates Road

* Exceptional FOUR bed semi
* Impressive, spacious accommodation.
* Though lounge/dining room
* Modern kitchen
* Beautifully fitted bathroom
* Rear garden
* Garage * Driveway
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149,950

COSELEY

Butterworth Close

* A MODERN style semi-detached
* Pleasant cul-de-sac location
* Ideal FAMILY HOME
* Lounge * Kitchen
* THREE bedrooms
* Full UPVC double glazing
* Gas centrally heated
* Garage and driveway for 3/4 cars
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £145,950

WOMBOURNE

Cranwell Green

* A modern style semi-detached property
* DETACHED SINGLE GARAGE
* Large block paved driveway
* Lounge and contemporary kitchen
* THREE bedrooms
* Full Upvc double glazed windows
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950

ETTINGSHALL PARK

Farrington Road

* A 'Mucklow' style semi-detached
* Popular Ettingshall Park Estate
* OPEN PLAN style lounge/diner
* Three bedrooms & Family Bathroom
* Private rear garden
* Garage & driveway
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950

WOLVERHAMPTON

Wolverhampton Road East

* A WELL PRESENTED semi-detached
* Centrally located for W'ton & Sedgley
* Lounge and dining room
* Kitchen and utility room
* THREE bedrooms
* Secure OFF ROAD PARKING to rear
* An ideal family home
* EPC Rating - D

£143,950

COSELEY

Somerford Way

* A modern semi-detached property
* Quiet cul-de-sac location
* Open plan MODERN kitchen/diner
* Two double bedrooms
* A house bathroom with white suite
* Pleasant gardens to the rear
* An ideal FIRST TIME BUY
* EPC Rating - TBC

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

COSELEY

Ivyhouse Lane

* Traditional Style semi-detached
* Deceptively spacious and contemporary
* Lounge & Dining Room
* Kitchen * Conservatory
* Modern Bathroom with separate shower
* TWO good size bedrooms
* Rear Garden, garage & utility
* An ideal first time buy
* EPC Rating 'D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

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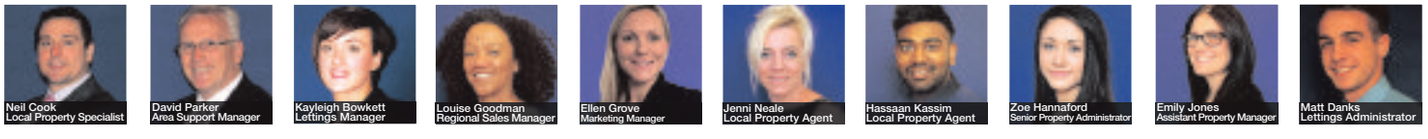

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STOCKWELL ROAD TETTENHALL

NO UPWARD CHAIN -This extended traditional detached family property is conveniently located for Tettenhall Village and briefly comprises entrance hall with fitted cloakroom, inner reception hall, sitting room/ dining room with feature fireplace, good size living room with feature fireplace, open plan breakfast kitchen with family area, four first floor double bedrooms, two house bathrooms, off road and secure parking, detached tandem garage, enclosed rear garden. EPC= E51

£425,000

OAKEN LANE OAKEN

NO UPWARD CHAIN- This double fronted end terrace cottage occupies a slightly elevated position and briefly comprises entrance porch, lovely reception hall and family area with cast iron range, utility/ laundry room, ground floor shower room, lounge with feature fireplace, sitting room with feature fireplace, breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, 5 bedrooms, house bathroom with cast iron bath, ample off road parking, gardens on three sides. EPC=E40

£385,000

CHURCH HILL PENN COMMON

This three storey Period residence of immense charm and character enjoys an enviable position within this conservation area with impressive views from principle elevations over Penn Common and beyond and briefly comprises porch, vestibule, utility, fitted cloakroom, reception hall with sweeping staircase, cellar, open plan fitted kitchen and sitting room, dining room, four bedrooms- 3 en-suite, allocated parking and enclosed private rear garden. EPC=E40

£359,950

ALAMEDA GARDENS TETTENHALL

NO UPWARD CHAIN- A modern semi-detached property built in 2007 which is set in a quiet and private cul-de-sac location the accommodation is set over three floors and briefly comprises entrance hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, conservatory, 3 double bedrooms - master with en-suite shower room, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and a driveway providing off road parking. EPC=C80

£215,000

CONISTON ROAD PALMERS CROSS

A well presented traditional semi-detached property which is thought ideal for a first time buyer or young couple with Codsall and Bilbrook village amenities near by including bus routes and local road networks. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, gas central heating, a driveway to the fore and a rejuvenated garden completed with summerhouse and decking to the rear. EPC=TBA

£169,950

SAXONFIELDS TETTENHALL

NO UPWARD CHAIN- Occupying an enviable position within this much sought after cul-de-sac on the fringe of Tettenhall Village this deceptively spacious family home provides versatile accommodation and briefly comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, through sitting room, dining room, hardwood conservatory, breakfast kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms, house bathroom, private rear garden, double garage and ample parking. EPC=E44

£415,000

DIPPONS LANE TETTENHALL WOOD

Intriguingly situated down a small unadopted lane on the fringe of Perton Village this charming and characteristic detached cottage briefly comprises walled fore garden, entrance hall with quarry tiled floor, good size sitting room with feature brick fireplace, dining area, two ground floor bedrooms, breakfast kitchen, utility, two first floor bedrooms - master en-suite, off street parking, integral garage and enclosed rear garden. EPC=E50

£375,000

YEW TREE LANE TETTENHALL

Set back from the road with front aspect overlooking playing fields and on the fringe of Tettenhall Village this extended and well maintained detached property briefly comprises reception porch, entrance hall, sitting room, separate dining room, office/ playroom, breakfast kitchen, separate utility, 3 good size first floor bedrooms, heritage house bathroom, 'Creteprint' driveway, integral garage, enclosed rear garden, EPC=E46

£274,950

CASWELL ROAD SEDGLEY

Occupying a choice corner position with gardens on three sides this 1960's detached residence has been well maintained throughout to provide a good standard of family accommodation which briefly comprises canopy porch, double glazed reception hall, open plan lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen with built in appliances, family/ breakfast room, three good size bedrooms- all with built in wardrobes, house bathroom, ample off road parking, attached garage, enclosed rear garden. EPC= D68

£215,000

LYNTON AVENUE TETTENHALL

NO UPWARD CHAIN -This extended and well presented semi-detached property twinned between Tettenhall Green and Codsall village which is thought ideal for a young family or first time purchase. Briefly comprises entrance hall, dining room, lounge, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, raised decked area to the rear, lawn and a driveway providing off road parking to the fore. EPC=E 44

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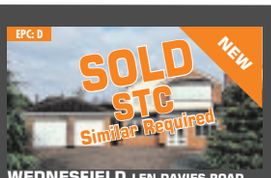
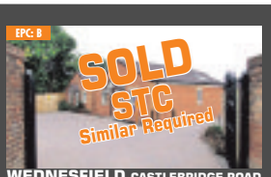


WEDNESFIELD LEN DAVIES ROAD
- Impressive extended detached family home
- Three double bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes
- Extended refitted dining kitchen
- Double garage and ample off road parking

£269,950 OFFERS

EPC: B



WEDNESFIELD CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD
- Newly built two bedroom detached bungalow
- Spacious dining kitchen
- Upvc d/glazing & gas c/heating
- Internal viewing essential

£172,500 OFFERS

EPC: F

WEDNESFIELD LICHFIELD ROAD
- Traditional three bedroom semi detached
- Extended fitted kitchen
- Enclosed rear garden with patio
- Ample off road parking & carport

£129,995 OFFERS

EPC: F

WEDNESFIELD STUBBY LANE
- Traditional style three bedroom semi detached
- Refitted extended kitchen
- Block paved off road parking
- Ideal family home

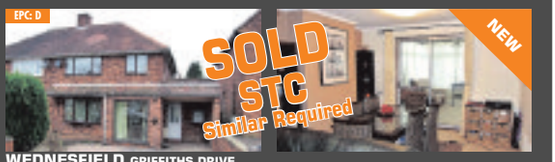
£125,995 OFFERS

EPC: D

WEDNESFIELD GRIFFITHS DRIVE
- Pleasantly appointed spacious semi detached property
- Much sought after location
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Gardens to front and rear
- Double garage to rear of garden
- No upward chain!!

£124,995 OFFERS

EPC: D



WEDNESFIELD GRIFFITHS DRIVE
- Well presented traditional style semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- 20ft through lounge dining room
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and paved patio
- Ample off road parking
- Ideal family home in much sought after location

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £123,000

EPC: D

WEDNESFIELD LAWRENCE AVENUE
- Traditional style spacious mid terraced property
- Three good size bedrooms
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Ideal family home

£121,000 OFFERS

EPC: D

WOLVERHAMPTON BURCOT AVENUE
- Pleasant three bedroom semi detached
- Refitted dining kitchen and bathroom
- Off road parking
- No upward chain

£105,000 OFFERS

EPC: D

WEDNESFIELD CLARE AVENUE
- Traditional style semi detached property
- Two double bedrooms
- Potential to extend/improve
- No upward chain!!

£102,500 OFFERS

EPC: D

WEDNESFIELD MERRICK ROAD
- Traditional style three bedroom mid terraced
- Double glazing & Central heating
- Off road parking
- Sold within 1 day!!

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,995

EPC: D

WOLVERHAMPTON NEWBOLDS ROAD
- Traditional style semi detached property
- Two double bedrooms
- Garage and off road parking
- No upward chain!!

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95,000

EPC: D

WOLVERHAMPTON JULIAN ROAD
- Beautiful one bedroom ground floor flat
- Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating
- Refitted bathroom
- Off road parking for two cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £68,995

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EPC: E

WEDNESFIELD SAMBROOK ROAD
- Traditional style extended semi detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- 24ft through lounge/diner

- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Potential to improve
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,995

EPC: C

WEDNESFIELD SNAPE ROAD
- Well presented extended semi detached property
- Two/three bedrooms
- Occasional bedroom three/study/sitting room
- Refitted breakfast kitchen

- UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating
- Refitted first floor bathroom with white suite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Ideal first time buy!!

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £116,995

EPC: E

WEDNESFIELD VICTORIA ROAD
- Victorian style three bedroom mid terraced
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Enclosed rear garden with paved area
- No upward chain!!

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

EPC: D

WOLVERHAMPTON CORONATION ROAD
- Smart two bedroom ground floor apartment
- Popular location close to New Cross Hospital
- Redecorated & carpeted throughout
- No upward chain!!

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £69,950

EPC: D

WEDNESFIELD SPEEDWELL CLOSE
- Well presented modern style semi detached property
- Highly popular location
- Two good size bedrooms

- Potential to extend (STPP)
- Upvc double glazed conservatory
- Upvc d/glazing & gas c/heating
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £ 124,000

EPC: E

WEDNESFIELD MILL LANE
- Magnificent detached bungalow
- Two double bedrooms
- Tandem garage & driveway
- Superb landscaped garden to the front & rear

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EPC: C

HIGH HILL ESSINGTON
- Pleasant traditional style detached property
- Well maintained accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- 21ft through lounge/dining room

- Fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- First floor bathroom with shower
- Attractive enclosed rear garden
- Garage and block paved driveway

£212,500 OFFERS

EPC: C

WEDNESFIELD LINTHOUSE LANE
- Two bedroom semi detached property
- Potential to extend (STPP)
- Off road parking
- No upward chain

£110,000 OFFERS

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- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- DRIVEWAY PARKING
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

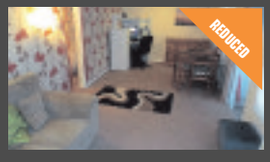
£115,000

FORDHOUSES NEWBURY ROAD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LARGE LOUNGE
- DINING KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM

- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- DRIVEWAY PARKING & GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£100,000

COVEN COVEN FARM PARK
- ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME
- LOUNGE & DINING AREA
- FITTED KITCHEN
- MODERN BATHROOM



- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- PARKING SPACE
- NEAR TO LOCAL SHOPS

£60,000

OXLEY PROBERT ROAD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LOUNGE & DINING AREA
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM

- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- DRIVEWAY PARKING
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY PARKING

£120,000

SHARESHILL CHURCH ROAD
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
- 01902 788188

£135,000

PENKRIDGE GARDENS PLOT 2
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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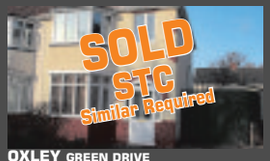
£235,000



OXLEY GREEN DRIVE
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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WHITMORE REANS REANSWAY SQUARE
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
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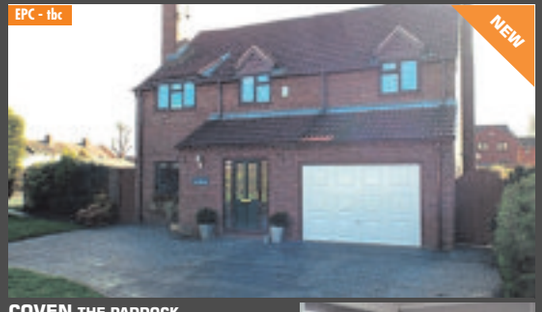

COVEN THE PADDOCK
- FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED
- LARGE LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- MASTER BEDROOM (WITH EN-SUITE & DRESSING AREA)
- SECOND BEDROOM (WITH EN-SUITE)
- MODERN FAMILY BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- VILLAGE LOCATION

£370,000

FALLINGS PARK LAMBERT ROAD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LOUNGE & DINING AREA
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- MODERN FAMILY BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- DRIVEWAY PARKING & GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN

£130,000

WENTWORTH ROAD NORTHWOOD PARK
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
- 01902 788188

£107,500

BUSHBURY CARISBROOKE GARDENS
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
- 01902 788188

£105,000

OXLEY MANOR ROAD
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
- 01902 788188

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COVEN CHAMBLEY GREEN
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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OXLEY ELMDON CLOSE
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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£105,000

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- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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FORDHOUSES ASHFIELD GROVE
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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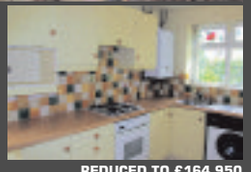
. Stunning semi detached on new development!
. Stylish accommodation with 3 bedrooms
. Lounge plus Dining Kitchen
. Two Bathrooms
. Must be seen !!!

£164,950

BRADLEY LANE BILSTON
. Spacious semi detached in sought after location
. Three good sized bedrooms plus bathroom
. Delightful fitted kitchen
. Two reception rooms
. Good sized gardens

Offers in the region of £130,000

MASLIN DRIVE COSELEY
- Modern re- furbished detached bungalow
- Generous lounge plus Conservatory
- Well equipped kitchen
- Two bedrooms plus modern shower room
- Private and secluded low maintenance garden
- Garage facility
- EPC D



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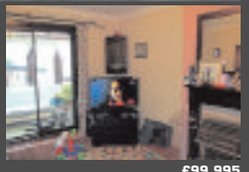
MOSELEY ROAD WILLENHALL
- Spacious semi detached
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and conservatory
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom



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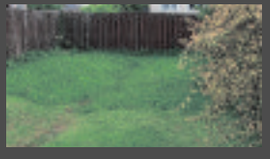
UPLANDS ROAD WILLENHALL
. Excellent semi detached in popular spot
. Two reception rooms plus kitchen
. Three bedrooms plus bathroom
. Attractive gardens and off road parking

£127,500



BRUETON ROAD BILSTON
. Semi detached with large sized garden
. Three bedrooms plus bathroom
. Lounge and dining kitchen
. Good sized gardens

£75,000

MILL CROFT BILSTON
- Bright Modern 3 bed town house
- Lounge plus fitted kitchen
- Garage plus parking space
- NO UPWARD CHAIN !

£95,000

TRYON PLACE BILSTON
. Quietly positioned semi detached
. Three bedrooms plus bathroom
. Large reception plus dining kitchen
. Good sized gardens to the rear

£98,000

GLYN AVENUE BILSTON
. Smashing semi detached in popular location
. Three bedrooms plus family bathroom
. Lounge and dining kitchen
. Easily maintained rear garden
. Parking

£99,950

CARDER CRESCENT BILSTON
. Stunningly presented semi detached!
. Three bedrooms plus modern bathroom
. Generous lounge with dining area
. Extensive gardens with patio and 'hobby'rooms
. Off road parking

£124,500

ATTLEE CRESCENT BRADLEY
. Semi detached with three bedrooms plus loft room
. Lounge plus smashing dining kitchen
. Easily maintained gardens
. Centrally heated and double glazing

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DUDLEY HIMLEY ROAD
- Well Presented Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- 26ft Lounge Diner
- Stylish Breakfast Kitchen
- Laundrette Area
- Fashionable Shower Room
- 24ft Garage
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Central Heating & Double Glazing

£175,000

COSELEY GOUGH ROAD
- Impressive End Town-House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms plus Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Two Work Shops
- 38ft Garage To Rear
- Off Road Parking Front & Back

£169,950

SEDGLEY WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD
- Extremely Spacious Semi-Detached Home
- Impressive Family Residence
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom plus Ensuite Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen plus Utility Area
- Downstairs WC
- Secure Off Road Parking To Rear
- Central Heating & Double Glazing

NEW PRICE £205,000

COSELEY SWANN ROAD
- Semi-Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Living Room, Kitchen
- First Floor Bathroom
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Corner Position
- No Upward Chain

£94,950

SEDGLEY NETHERBY ROAD
- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Corner Position
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Area, Sitting Room
- Fitted Kitchen plus Utility Area
- Modern Bathroom
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden

£132,500

COSELEY JULIE CROFT
- Modern Style Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Stylish Fitted Kitchen
- First Floor Modern Bathroom
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden
- Popular Location

£124,950

COSELEY CADDICK STREET
- Detached Residence
- Family Size Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Dining Kitchen plus Laundrette
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden

£195,000

COSELEY FLAXEN FIELD
- Luxury NEW Town Houses
- Living Room
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Ensuite Shower Room
- 3 Bedrooms (2 on First Floor, 1 on Second Floor)
- Downstairs WC & First Floor Bathroom
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Pleasant Rear Garden

£165,000

ETTINGSHALL PARK FARRINGTON ROAD
- Semi-Detached Family Home • Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen, Bathroom
- Central Heating • Double Glazing (where specified)
- Off Road Parking plus Garage • Rear Garden

£149,950

COSELEY UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD
- Conveniently Positioned Semi-Detached
- Living Room & Dining Kitchen
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- First Floor Bathroom and WC

£129,950

COSELEY SOUTHALL CRESCENT
- Delightful Detached Property • Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory • Bathroom plus Ensuite
- Fitted Kitchen & Laundrette • Parking plus Garage
- Side and Rear Gardens

£230,000

WOMBOURNE ROOKERY ROAD
- Distinctive Detached
- Elegant Living Room & Elegant Dining Room
- Double Glazed Conservatory • Off Road Parking
- Fitted Stylish Kitchen • Fashionable Bathroom

£325,000

COSELEY PAUL STREET
- Three Bedrooms • Stylish Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms • Fitted Kitchen off
- Modern Bathroom • Off Road Parking & Garage
- Central Heating & uPVC Double Glazing

£139,950

PENNFIELDS CARDIFF STREET
- Spacious Mid-Terraced House • Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • Bathroom
- Rear Garden • Central Heating • Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain • Popular Location

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Rosewood Gardens,Wolverhampton
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- Conservatory
- Downstairs Study Room

In the region of £295,000

Jeremy Road,Wolverhampton
- CORNER PLOT
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Kings Chase,Essignton
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Oxley Moor Road,Wolverhampton
- DETACHED PROPERTY
- POPULAR LOCATION
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE BATHROOM
- LARGE FAMILY BATHROOM
- TWO CONSERVATORIES

OIR £259,950

Clark Road,Wolverhampton
- 3 Bedrooms
- Detached
- Utility Room
- Lounge
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Shower Room

£225,000

Alameda Gardens,Wolverhampton
- Modern Semi Detached.
- Three Bedrooms.
- En-suite To Master Bedroom.
- Fully Fitted Kitchen.
- Enclosed Rear Garden.
- Off Road Parking & Garage

OIR £215,000

Pentland Gardens,Wolverhampton
- 4 Bedrooms
- Detached
- Spacious Lounge / Diner
- Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom

OIR £215,000

Princethorpe Road,Willenhall
- Detached
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen

Offers in Excess of £190,000

Rough Hay Road,Wednesbury
- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE STORYS
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST BAR
- CONSERVATORY
- DOWNSTAIRS W.C

OIR £179,950

Oxley Moor Road,Wolverhampton
- 4 Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Loft Room
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Diner

OIR £174,950

Church Walk,Wolverhampton
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
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- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden

OIR £169,000

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- FITTED KITCHEN
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- FAMILY BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED

Offers in Excess of £155,000

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- Off Road Parking
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- One Reception Room

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- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

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- Two reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen

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Sorrel Close,Wolverhampton
- 2 Bedrooms
- Semi - Detached
- Modernised Throughout
- Off Road Parking
- L Shaped Conservatory
- Spacious Bedrooms

£130,000

Woden Avenue,Wolverhampton
- SEMI DETACHED
- CLOSE TO LOCAL AMENITIES
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN

OIR £129,950

Turtons Croft,Bilston
- SEMI DETACHED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- REFURBISHED BATHROOM
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- REAR GARDEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING

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- SEMI DETACHED
- BUNGALOW
- ONE BEDROOM
- BATHROOM
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN

OIR £122,500

Blackburn Avenue,Wolverhampton
- 3 Bedrooms
- Semi - Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Lean To
- Spacious Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £115,000

Cromwell Road,Wolverhampton
- NO CHAIN!
- MID TERRACED
- PORCH
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- THROUGH LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
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- FITTED BATHOOM

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OIR £110,000

Pope Road, Wolverhampton
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Modern bathroom
- Rear garden

OIR £109,950

Dam Mill Close, Wolverhampton
- UPPER FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- MUST VIEW!

OIR £105,000

Mount Road, Wolverhampton
- 3 Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Kitchen / Diner
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazed (where specified)

OIR £105,000

Ryton Close, Wolverhampton
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Through Lounge
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Wet Room
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central HEating

OIR £105,000

Dimmock Street, Wolverhampton
- PRICED TO SELL
- END TERRACE HOUSE
- CLOSE TO CITY CENTRE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- REAR GARDEN

OIR Of £104,950

Lilian Grove, Bilston
- END TERRACED
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- ENTRANCE PORCH
- KITCHEN/DINER
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM

Offers in Excess of £100,000

St. Edmunds Close, Wolverhampton
- NO UPWARD CHAIN!
- END TERRACE
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN

£99,950

Clifford Street, Wolverhampton
- Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom & Rear Garden

OIR £94,950

Shenstone Court, Wolverhampton
- UPPER FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- GARAGE

OIR £94,950

Ward Grove, Wolverhampton
- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Second Reception Room
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden

£90,000

Babworth Close, Wolverhampton
- Maisonette
- Fisrt Floor
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Walk in shower room

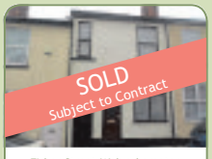
OIR £89,950

Damson Wharf, Tipton
- Three Bedroom Three Storey
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom &Downstairs WC
- Ideal For Investors
- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Garage &Off Road Parking
- Will Bring in £560PCM

Offers in Excess of £88,000

Burleigh Road, Wolverhampton
- MID TERRACE!
- TWO BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- REAR GARDEN

£80,000



Fisher Street, Wolverhampton
- Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms

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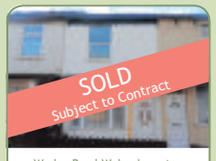
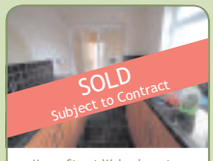


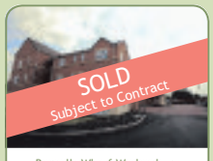
Woden Road, Wolverhampton
- MID TERRACE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- MODERN

£79,995



Mason Street, Wolverhampton
- TERRACED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- REAR GARDEN

£79,950

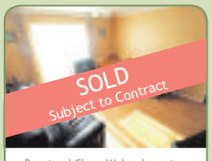


Bagnalls Wharf, Wednesbury
- Second Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Parking Areas

£77,500

Cadle Road, Wolverhampton
- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Loft Room
- Family Bathroom
- Living Room/ Diner
- Kitchen

Offers in Excess of £75,000



Banstead Close, Wolverhampton
- End Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £72,000

Evans Street, Willenhall
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen
- One reception room
- Rear garden

Offers in Excess of £70,000

Hilton Road, Wolverhampton
- Modern Upper Floor Flat
- Entrance Hallway
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Spacious Lounge

Offers in Excess of £70,000

Abbots Way, Wolverhampton
- GROUND FLOOR FLAT/STUDIO
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- DOUBLE GLAZED
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Barley Close, Wolverhampton
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Lawn Road, Wolverhampton
- First Floor Flat
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BRONZE - BEST MEDIUM ESTATE AGENCY - LETTINGS 2008

Goodchilds has evolved from a family-run investment company into a successful lettings agency with six offices. They are quick to rent their stock and are rightly proud of their Let By presence in the area. This is a team which looks at the lettings market through the eyes of the landlord and really delivers what's promised.

GOLD - BEST ESTATE AGENCY FRANCHISE 2009

Goodchilds set itself up as a franchise operation from day one and it shows. Their systems and processes are second to none and as a result the growth of the business has been built on a solid foundation but not at the cost of initiative and individuality of the company. Growth is controlled through a combination of thorough vetting procedures for potential franchisees and strong support for franchisees. All franchises are visited once a week and there is real emphasis on measuring activity and productivity to ensure transparency through all areas of the business however there is a good balance between autonomy from the central office and control for the franchisees. Strong on their brand values, Goodchilds manages to successfully marry this with flexibility for their franchisees. Not a business in a box - Goodchilds is a fantastic example of how to do it right and their gold award is well deserved.

SILVER - BEST ESTATE AGENCY FRANCHISE 2010

Goodchilds cares about its business and the overriding aim is to provide a platform for franchisees to launch successfully then to work together to build a business according to franchisees aspirations. The strength of the systems and processes behind the scenes is commendable and really illustrates that Goodchilds has been a franchise operation from day one. Autonomy is key and branches show a degree of individuality whilst maintaining the branding and high standards set out by the parent company. Franchisees are offered excellent networking opportunities and the chance to learn and share with each other, a culture singled out by the judges as commendable, also commenting that the commitment, innovation and care demonstrated by Goodchilds was a pleasure to judge.

BRONZE - BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE 2011

Rather than cutting costs, the Goodchilds team took the decision to actively seek new business. Thorough training programmes educated the entire team about the economic problems with higher incentives and improved feedback introduced to really motivate everyone to get results. This approach worked as the staff followed their instincts to increase their fees, produce better quality work and used their initiative to support their clients. Involvement in their local community has also served to build team morale and build their brand and ethics among potential new clients.

GOLD - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS LETTINGS AGENCY 2012

Judges agreed that Goodchilds was highly deserving of this award. The panel was impressed with the agency's focus on technology. The team demonstrates high levels of customer service, which is maintained through the provision of internal and external trainers. Within 12 months' employment with the agency, new-starters are required to pass an industry-approved qualification. The agency currently retains 98% of landlord clients, with judges commending its solid business systems and processes, which they agreed made Goodchilds worthy of this award win.

SILVER - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS ESTATE AGENCY 2013

This is an enthusiastic agency focusing closely on customer service feedback, to the extent that it has streamlined the response mechanisms for ease of measuring reactions and implementing improvements. The clear and defined KPIs help the team with responsibility as everyone knows their role and what is expected of them. The inclusive culture is based around family values and this is imparted to customers as well. Training is bespoke and tailored to an individual so any weaker areas can be addressed and remedied immediately. The back office systems are strong and keep the directors fully aware of everything, with automated emails sent according to the customer's file and status being updated as it should be i.e. following viewing feedback. The directors want their business to be exceptional, and without exception the entire team is excellent at listening and communicating with clients.

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SILVER - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS ESTATE AGENCY 2014

Goodchilds understands the importance of delivering on a promise, and accept there will be consequences if it fails to meet this standard. It is this attitude that led to the design and implementation of the 43 day challenge. Vendors can expect regular updates via their dedicated sales progressor and the customer charter sets out the level of service they will receive - this is given to them upon instruction and followed through the entire process. The directors also take an innovative approach to their staff so they operate a standard contract but also ask new recruits what they personally value from employers and tailor the benefits and rewards accordingly. Although the market is improving, Goodchilds is seeking to maintain the exemplary standards it adhered to when the market was tough; this attitude should be commended.

SILVER - LARGE CUSTOMER SERVICE 2014

As a franchise operation, the standards were outstanding. The directors at this family run firm understand the importance of customer perception and there are a number of systems and processes in place to ensure consistency of standards across the entire operation. There were a number of examples where they have prioritised the customer experience over their profit margin, so they enjoy high levels of repeat and referral business due to this long term view. The Goodchilds team wants to do their part to improve the standards and perception of estate agents and they have built their business on a strong foundation of honesty and trust with a reputation in their area for straight talking. The directors' knowledge is exemplary and this is filtered down to the rest of the team. Customers using Goodchilds can feel assured that they're in good hands.

GOLD - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS LETTINGS AGENCY 2014

Goodchilds is all about service and control of experience. It offers a 100% no quibble rent guarantee scheme included within the fees so if a tenant goes over 14 days in arrears, Goodchilds pays the landlord directly then seeks to recover the costs in its own time saving the landlord time and hassle. This also allows the team to spot early warning signs with tenants and means they can work with them to exit the tenancy and take something more affordable if necessary. They work hard to imbue confidence; another great idea is the "Be a Good Neighbour" initiative whereby if a property goes up for letting, they contact the neighbours around the property in order to keep them informed and onside with the new tenants. The directors recruit staff and franchisees who want a career as opposed to a job and offer flexibility and reward, recently enabling a young employee to become a franchise owner rather than lose them to the competition.

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- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
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- One Reception Room
- Fitted Kitchen
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Furnished

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- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £450

High Street, Wolverhampton
- Lounge
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Duplex
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £425

Austin Street, Wolverhampton
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms

Monthly Rental Of £425

Leicester Street, Wolverhampton
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Family Bathroom
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £415

Penn Road, Wolverhampton
- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Seperate Kitchen
- Entrance Hallway
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £415

Warsash Close, Wolverhampton
- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathoom
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £350

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- First Floor Flat.
- Lounge.
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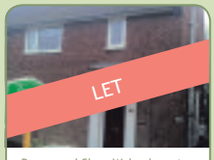

Drummond Close, Wolverhampton
- One Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
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- Popular Location
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £375

St Annes Road, Willenhall
- One Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Flat
- Family Bathroom
- Small Rear Yard
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £375

Wellington Road, Bilston
- One Bedroom
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- First Floor Flat
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £330

Circuit Close, Willenhall
- One Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Good-Sized Bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £325

Lansdowne Road, Wolverhampton
- One Bedroomed Property
- First Floor
- Lounge / Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £325

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A most interesting & individual barn conversion, displaying lovely character features residing within a delightful semi rural setting overlooking surrounding countryside: inviting hall, guest W.C, charming lounge, outstanding 20'10" x14'10" dining kitchen, landing with study area, impressive master bedroom, luxury en suite, 2 further good sized bedrooms, luxury bathroom, GFCH, majDG, lovely garden, carport & garage.(C/76)

OFFERS AROUND £379,950

GROVE LANE, TETTENHALL WOOD

An impressive detached property offering most generous & delightfully stylish living space, occupying an elevated position commanding open front views; reception hall, W.C, 2 living rooms with views, splendid Dayrooms breakfast kitchen, 4 double bedrooms, luxury en suite & bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, 2 large storage rooms (possible annex/office), mature gardens.(C/72)

OFFERS AROUND £349,950

CASTLECROFT ROAD, LOWER PENN

An attractive & imposing detached property, residing within it's own impressive mature grounds of around 0.30 acre, offering generous extended family living space; inviting hall, W.C, 2 living rooms, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, utility room, W.C, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, double garage, well stocked gardens encompass 3 elevations, NO CHAIN

OFFERS AROUND £349,950

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A superbly well proportioned & very nicely maintained detached property, offering excellent extended family living space: side porch, hallway, W.C, impressive 20ft1in lounge, 15ft2in dining room, adjoining sitting area, 17ft conservatory, open plan 17ft5in fitted kitchen, large utility room, wet room, 4 bedrooms, house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, long driveway, mature gardens.(D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £339,950

CLIVE ROAD, PATTINGHAM

A generously proportioned detached bungalow offering highly versatile living space, occupying an excellent position within this highly sought after & well served village; 20ft4in reception hall, impressive 21ft3in living room with dining area, breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, block drive, garage, delightfully mature 80ft westerly garden. NO CHAIN (D/64)

OFFERS AROUND £310,000

COPPICE ROAD, FINCHFIELD

An attractive & imposing detached property of generous proportions, offering excellent versatile family living space: inviting hall, 22ft7in through lounge, dining room, 18ft4in breakfast kitchen, utility, W.C, 5 bedrooms (2 interconnecting), spacious en suite, house bathroom, part UPVCDG, GFCH, block in & out drive, 21ft5in store room, garage, mature westerly garden. NO CHAIN (F/52)

OFFERS AROUND £310,000

TETTENHALL ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

A most attractive & imposing family home of superb proportions, offering exceptionally spacious & highly character full living accommodation, well situated for good amenities & the city: 28ft2in hall, cellar, 2 splendid living rooms, kitchen, rear hall, bathroom, 12ft x 9ft11in utility, 6 bedrooms, shower room, study area, GFCH, walled garden. (F/53)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A fine detached bungalow of particularly generous proportions, occupying a delightful mature plot, offering an excellent standard of highly versatile living space; inviting hall with inner hall off, W.C, impressive 23'1" full width lounge, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, long drive, double garage, lovely rear garden. (D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

FOLLEY ROAD, ACKLETON

An outstanding detached property offering beautifully maintained living space of quality, occupying a delightful position within this desirable & easily accessible village; inviting hall, W.C, impressive lounge, comprehensive well equipped kitchen, adjoining dining room, 3 double bedrooms, luxury fit en suite & bathroom, LPGFCH, UPVCDG, block drive, carport & garage, landscaped gardens, open aspect to front. (F/33)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

BROADWAY, FINCHFIELD

A superior corner positioned (0.25 acre) detached property offering extremely generous family living space & occupying a most desirable private position; hall, 3 living rooms, fitted kitchen, laundry room, W.C, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, DG, double garage, brick double drive, delightful surrounding gardens & interesting wooded coppice. NO CHAIN (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £285,000

SANDRINGHAM ROAD, PENN

An extensively re-modernised & generously proportioned detached property, offering superbly stylish modern living space ideal for the growing family; hall, W.C, charming lounge, outstanding well equipped open plan 18ft7in x 11ft8in dining kitchen,4 bedrooms, luxury en suite & house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, double drive, attractive gardens.(D/67)

OFFERS AROUND £284,950

OSBOURNE ROAD, PENN

A spaciously proportioned & substantially extended detached family home, occupying an imposing position on this sought after road & location; reception porch, open hall, 3 living rooms, restyled open plan kitchen, W.C, large conservatory room, 4 good bedrooms, en suite & sep W.C to bed 2, luxury bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, beautifully mature & long garden, garage, block paved drive. (E/40)

OFFERS AROUND £279,950

YORK AVENUE, FINCHFIELD

A traditional detached property having been substantially improved upon, residing within this sought after location, close to Bantock Park: inviting hall, impressive through living room, refitted breakfast kitchen, utility, proposed shower/W.C., 3 double bedrooms, proposed en suite shower/W.C., refitted bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, garage, long mature rear garden. NO CHAIN (D/55)

OFFERS OVER £275,000

FINCHFIELD LANE, FINCHFIELD

An imposing detached property of generous proportions & character, residing within this sought after location & road with scope to further improve: porch, inviting hall, 2 living rooms, kitchen, rear lobby, small utility, W.C, spacious landing, 3 bedrooms, shower room, W.C., GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, 27ft garage, mature & well stocked gardens, NO CHAIN (F/38)

OFFERS AROUND £249,950

TRYSULL ROAD, MERRY HILL

An excellent traditional detached property offering of superbly spacious & highly versatile living family living space: inviting hall, 27ft living room, superb UPVCDG conservatory, comprehensive 14ft kitchen, rear hall, utility, W.C, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, W.C, GFCH, UPVCDG, garage, delightful 120ft garden, large loft ideal for conversion (STPP&R).(E/54) NO CHAIN O/A £239,950

LOCAL & NATIONAL P/X CONSIDERED

BUTTONS FARM ROAD, PENN

A substantial & attractive traditional detached property having been well maintained & decorated to a high standard to create an excellent family home, occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac postion: hallway, 2 pleasing living rooms, UPVCDG conservatory, comprehensive kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C., maj UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, block drive, mature gardens.(E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £230,000

HIGH MEADOWS, COMPTON

A most interesting & individual detached property offering spacious & highly versatile accommodation, residing within a pleasant cul-de-sac: inviting hall, shower room/W.C, utility, useful study/bed 4, impressive living room with excellent elevated views, comprehensive 16ft breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, GFCH, DG, mature rear garden onto woodland. (E/54)

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

HENWOOD ROAD, COMPTON

An attractive & fastidiously maintained detached bungalow of good proportions, residing in a mature plot close to local amenities & village centre: enclosed porch, inviting 19ft7in hall, inner lobby, guest cloaks/W.C, pleasant 'L' shaped living/dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, lengthy drive, garage, mature gardens. (E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

TYRLEY CLOSE, COMPTON

A delightful link-detached property having been substantially extended & improved upon to provide an excellent standard of family living space: hall, impressive lounge, dining room, comprehensive 19ft breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, imprinted drive, garage, mature rear garden with open views, pleasant cul-de-sac position. (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

EAGLE STREET, PENNFIELDS

A most interesting & highly attractive Grade 2 listed Victorian property having been extensively improved upon to include the addition stylish modern fittings; inviting hall, 2 impressive living rooms, 16ft farmhouse kitchen leading to 15ft conservatory, cellar (present bedroom), 3 bedrooms, spacious bathroom, GFCH, part DG, enclosed garden, large workshop/studio, great character. (E/48)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

TRYSULL ROAD, BRADMORE

A substantial detached bungalow with scope to improve, offering generous & well planned living space, handily place for good local amenities; enclosed porch, spacious reception hall, pleasant 22ft full width living room with dining area, breakfast kitchen, inner hall, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, lengthy drive, garage, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £174,950

HENWOOD ROAD, COMPTON

An attractive & very nicely presented semi detached property offering well proportioned family living space, advantageously situated for good local amenities; inviting hall, pleasant lounge, comprehensive 17ft3in dining kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, spacious well appointed bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, lengthy driveway, delightfully mature 70ft garden. NO CHAIN (E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

ALLEN ROAD, WHITMORE REANS

A most attractive & imposing Victorian residence, offering excellent family living space of generous proportions & retaining a wealth of character features, well served by good amenities & the city: inviting 29ft8in hall, cellar, 3 charming living rooms, well equipped kitchen, 4 generous bedrooms, in keeping bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, outside utility room, store & W.C, delightful rear garden.(F/30)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

SPRINGHILL AVENUE, PENN

An attractive extended semi detached property offering excellent family living space, occupying a large frontage corner position in a sought after residential location; inviting hall, living room, separate dining room, 18ft 6in breakfast kitchen, utility, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, generous driveway, garage, wide frontage, mature gardens, convenient location (D/57)

OFFERS AROUND £165,000

BRIDGNORTH ROAD, COMPTON

A traditional semi detached property, offering well maintained & versatile living space, conveniently situated for village amenities & enjoying open aspect views over adjoining meadow land to rear; hall, 2 living rooms, comprehensive kitchen, 3 bedrooms, well appointed shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, paved frontage, storage room (originally garage), delightfully mature & private garden.(E/50)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

MANCROFT ROAD, TETTENHALL

An attractive Victorian mid terraced property offering spacious well planned living space which has been tastefully appointed & nicely decorated throughout, pleasantly situated within easy reach of amenities & Tettenhall village: impressive 30ft2in living room, restyled kitchen, G/floor bathroom, 2 double rooms, spacious attic room, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, enclosed rear garden.(D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

CHELMARSH AVENUE, CASTLECROFT

A most impressive mid terrace property offering superbly spacious & well planned family living space; hall, 21ft through living room, adjoining conservatory, restyled kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, luxury bathroom suite, UPVCDG, GFCH, long mature garden, brick utility store & outside W.C, block drive. (D/63)

OFFERS AROUND £144,950

BLAKELEY AVENUE, CLAREGATE

A well presented semi detached property offering a good standard of highly versatile living space, residing within a popular & convenient location: hall, 2 living rooms, refitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, restyled bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, block paved frontage, garage, mature rear garden. NO CHAIN (D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £144,950

NEVIS COURT, COMPTON

A modern end town house offering surprisingly spacious & versatile living accommodation, conveniently situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac position: hall, guest W.C, attractive living/dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 good sized bedrooms, spacious bathroom, part UPVCDG, GFCH, integral garage, block drive, mature rear garden. NO CHAIN (E/49)

OFFERS AROUND £144,950

MALLORY ROAD, PERTON

Internal inspection is highly recommended to fully appreciate this generously proportioned & nicely presented semi detached property, occupying a pleasant position & handily placed for amenities & schools; canopy porch, living room, dining kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, wide garage with rear utility area, nice enclosed private rear garden, large side garden. (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £137,500

HENWOOD CLOSE, COMPTON

A traditional pre fabricated detached bungalow of good proportions, having been substantially improved upon to include a brick skin facade & sizable rear extension, convenient for village amenities: enclosed porch, inviting hall, living room, adjoining dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, mature gardens, woodland back drop. NO CHAIN (TBA)

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LEA BANK, FINCHFIELD

A well presented ground floor apartment residing within this sought after development, providing spacious & highly versatile space, well served by local amenities: hall, impressive 19ft living/dining room, 12ft9in fitted kitchen, inner hall, 2 generous double bedrooms, shower room, GFCH, maj UPVCDG, garage, attractive communal grounds & communal parking. NO CHAIN (D/68)

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LAWSONS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AND A "NEW STYLE" OF PROPERTY SALES SERVICE

A VIP celebration and launch party was held on Wednesday 25th February, at local Sales & Lettings Agency Lawson's shop premises in Chapel Ash to congratulate the company on its 25 years trade in Wolverhampton and the launch of the new service'Property Sales'.

The event was exceptionally well attended and some of the top property professionals in city were there to join in the celebrations, including many local solicitors, hoteliers, Independent Financial Advisers, Mortgage brokers, landlords and investors clients to name just a few.

The celebration had a dual purpose, firstly 25 successful years of providing letting services to the city and in doing so letting over 5000 properties during that time, but also the big decision to utilise their extensive contacts with local investors and detailed local property experience to take the logical next step and move into residential sales.

To take on this new project, David Pritchard joins the team with many years experience in the property market both in the UK and Europe and has been working with the current property team to embed the new service seamlessly into the existing business.

David Says â€œI believe that the addition of a sales division will make us one of the most attractive buying or selling propositions in Wolverhampton, due to our database. Over the last 25 years we have spoken or dealt with at some time most of the property investors and landlords in the town which puts us in a great position to sell property FAST purely by utilising our current contacts alone, most agents don't have that facility, they purely have to wait on the property portals or new business to come in through the door.

Lawsons Re-branded shop front in Chapel Ash

The company started trading in 1990 and moved to its Chapel Ash site in May 1995 and has always stayed purely a letting agent, but since 1997 has been heavily involved in helping investors buy property to rent, running seminars, training workshops for investors and landlords as part of its normal day to day business, but it has been at the many requests of its customers, landlords and investors that this big move has been taken.

The team are offering a unique experience to both buyers and vendors alike, by being able to discuss previous rental history of property where applicable, with knowledge and experience and to promote properties direct to those that are most likely to buy.

Training

Over the last 2 decades the company has prided itself in maintaining exceptionally high standards in training and development for its staff and the already highly skilled lettings professionals received an additional full weeks property sales training with some of the top UK Estate Agency trainers in the UK, to ensure service remained high with the launch of this new service.

The 25 year old company can also be found extensively online and on social media, and attributes this forward thinking too much of its success, the team have always been ahead of the game in taking new steps to keep up with the modern world, and now Lettings Manager Rebecca Hume says â€œIt seems that our clients want us to offer a full complete service from beginning to end, so that they can continue to receive the exceptional service they have got used to us for many years already-so we listened.

Lawson's still maintain top 3 position for customer review on Freeindex and says it will continue to ensure this level of service is maintained with this new service too.

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Southbourne Road

Fordhouses **£160,000**

Beautifully presented and extended to the rear this three bedroom semi-detached home situated on a popular road in Fordhouses. Seller is motivated to sell and viewing is a must to appreciate the accommodation on offer here.
Awaiting EPC

Ashley Street

Bilston **£75,000**

A well presented three bedroom home situated in a popular street in Bilston. Offering two reception rooms and a no upward chain. Ideal for first time buyers or investors. No upward chain.
EPC Grade = D

Park Lane

Telford **£83,495**

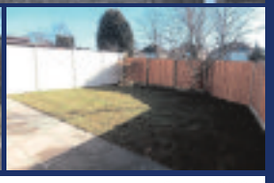
The Denby is a one bedroom flat over a garage. The flat has a spacious living/dining area, a good sized bathroom and a large bedroom.

Coalway Road

Penn **£300,000**

Looking for a traditional family home in Penn??? This four bedroom detached home with delightful rear gardens incorporating a vegetable patch. Retaining many traditional features and presented in good order this would be a lovely family home. Awaiting EPC

Southbourne Road



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Thorne Street

Parkfields **£90,000**

A three bedroom mid-terraced home that would be an excellent buy2let investment. The landlord has advised us that the property is currently drawing a rent of £575 PCM. No upward chain.
EPC Grade = D

Park Lane

Telford **£96,000**

The Linford is a delightful two bedroom apartment, offering modern interiors and a stylish specification. Leading off the hallway is a well-presented kitchen, a large living/dining area, two good-sized bedrooms and a family bathroom, which features contemporary sanitary ware.

Park Lane

Telford **£111,250**

The Alveston is a modern two bedroom family home. The ground floor has a lounge with separate kitchen and down stairs w/c. The first floor has two good sized bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Park lane

Telford **£147,750**

The Chatham is a three bedroom family home. The ground floor has a spacious lounge and separate kitchen with dining area. This floor also has a ground floor w/c. The first floor has a spacious master bedroom with ensuite, along with a further two bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Leslie Road

Park Village **£80,000**

Great investment opportunity! Available to purchase with no chain! Three bedrooms, two reception rooms, upstairs WC & downstairs bathroom, access to rear for parking.
EPC Grade E

Rayleigh Road

Pennfields **£90,000**

This semi-detached property is located close to the City Centre in the popular area of Pennfields, it briefly comprises of an open plan lounge/sitting room, dining room and a re-fitted kitchen to the ground floor and three good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC Grade- D

Othello Road

Bushbury **£120000**

Three good sized bedrooms, en-suite to stylish master bedroom on second floor, low maintainance rear garden and no upward chain! This property must be viewed to appreciate the layout and deceptively spacious accommodation on offer.

Bushbury Lane

Bushbury **£130,000**

This modern three bedroom three storey semi-detached property has excellent access to local shops, amenities and transport links. EPC Grade = C

Belmont Road

Penn **£160,000**

Sought after Penn location... Immaculately presented!!!
A three bedroom semi-detached home benefitting from a superb extended kitchen/breakfast room. Situated in a sought after Penn location and offered with no upward chain.
EPC Grade = F

Woodfield Heights

Tettenhall **£265,000**

Location, Location, Location!!! An opportunity to purchase a 4 bedroom detached home situated in a cul-de-sac location moments from Tettenhall Town Centre.

Penn Road

Penn **£200,000**

Victorian 5 bed Semi-Detached pleasantly positioned easy access into the city centre.Fitted Cloakroom off Hall, Living Room. Breakfast Kitchen, Utility/Laundry, ceiler. Bathroom . Gas-fired central heating. Double glazed windows. Paved parking facilities EPC Grade = F

Wood Hayes Road

Westcroft **£200,000**

A well presented two bedroom detached bungalow offering spacious living accommodation. The property is situated on a large plot, has a driveway with parking for several vehicles and a garage. Available to purchase with no upward chain.
EPC Grade = D

Canterbury Road

Penn **£200,000**

Extended 4 bedroom property in the highly desirable area of Penn. Boasts an open Porch, Reception room with open Dining area, Conservatory, open kitchen, master Bedroom and En-suite, family Bathroom and three additional Bedrooms, off-road parking and rear garden to the property.

Summerfield Road

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Three-bedroomed house is in a sought-after area

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It is for sale through Dixons Estate Agents at offers over £140,000.

With parking and a garage to the rear it has a living room with gas fire, dining room, kitchen with white units, contrasting working surfaces, integrated oven, integrated hob, extractor over, and a utility room, wet room, three bedrooms with storage cupboards and a bathroom and a lawned rear garden. Call 01384 847254 or visit the website at www.dixonsestateagents.co.uk

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CASTLECROFT

Located within the delightful Castlecroft Gardens Conservation Area is this attractive detached three bedroom family home built by the renowned house builder Major Kenneth Hutchinson Smith. Set behind an inviting fore garden and driveway the accommodation comprises reception hall with cloakroom off, living room, sitting room, dining kitchen, three double bedrooms and bathroom.

FINCHFIELD

Attractive Four bedroom detached home in desirable York Gardens off York Avenue. Well situated for the City Centre and nearby Bantock Park the property boasts many fine feature including a large southerly facing rear garden, impressive dining kitchen, two attractive living rooms, newly fitted en-suite and a detached garage to the rear. Internal inspection is highly recommended

WEDNESFIELD

Superb extended family home with THREE RECEPTION ROOMS, FOUR BEDROOMS, re-fitted kitchen, conservatory, utility room, ground floor w.c and family bathroom. The property has a large front driveway accessed via electronic gates providing off road parking for numerous vehicles, gas central heating and majority double-glazing. Well positioned for Wednesfield's varied amenities and transport links.

Offers Based On £235,000

CASTLECROFT

Superb modern five bedroom detached family home, particular features of which are the fine private rear garden and the first floor accommodation which includes two en-suites and a large master bedroom. Further accommodation includes study, dining room, living room, breakfast kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom, five bedrooms, bathroom and double width garage. Walking distance of local shops, schooling and South Staffs railway walk.

Asking Price £335,000

PENN

Superb two bedroom semi-detached bungalow situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac off Springhill Lane with excellent local shops and bus services nearby. Off road parking for up to two vehicles, attractive rear garden and side garage with utility facilities at the rear. Internally the accommodation comprises reception hall, living room, re-fitted bathroom, two bedrooms and boarded loft. Internal inspection is highly recommended.

Asking Price £169,950

PENN

Fabulous refurbished and extended semi-detached home with a wealth of features including two spacious living rooms, superb 19' re-fitted breakfast kitchen with fitted appliances, utility, ground floor shower room, first floor bathroom and three bedrooms with en-suite shower to the master. Off road parking to the front.

PENDEFORD

Modern two bedroom semi-detached home situated in a popular cul-de-sac, convenient for the new I-54 business development and M54 motorway link. Entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen, two good size bedrooms and bathroom. Fitted with gas central heating the property has an enclosed rear garden, driveway and side garage.

Asking Price £120,000

MERRIDALE

NO CHAIN - Two bedroom semi-detached home in a popular location with generous off road parking, comprising entrance hall, kitchen, living room, spacious conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom. Gas central heating and double-glazing.

MERRIDALE

NO CHAIN - Well presented modern semi which has undergone a significant scheme of improvements. Driveway providing off road parking, good size garden, gas central heating, double glazing and well presented accommodation comprising hall, living room, re-fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom.

Offers Based On £115,000

OXLEY

Semi-detached gallery bungalow in a pleasant cul-de-sac with open plan living accommodation including living room, re-fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom and spacious first floor gallery bedroom. Parking to the front and lawned gardens to the side and rear. Gas central heating and double-glazing.

WEDNESFIELD

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- Bathroom
- Garden to Rear

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- Living Room/Bathroom
- Kitchen Diner
- C/H & D/G
- Off Road Parking/Gardens

£550pcm-Unfurnished

CLAREGATE

- Traditional Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Bathroom
- C/H & D/G
- Off Road Parking/Gardens

£575pcm-Unfurnished

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- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Allocated parking space
- EPC RATING: B

PRICE: £95,000

FINCHFIELD LANE FINCHFIELD

- Spacious Traditional extended detached house
- Four / five bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Shower room
- Family bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- No upward chain
- EPC RATING: E

PRICE: £269,950

ALBION STREET WOLVERHAMPTON

● Modern ground floor apartment ● Buy to let opportunity - already tenanted ● Double glazed windows and electric heating ● modern fitted kitchen ● Master bedroom with en suite shower room ● Bathroom ● Allocated parking space ● EPC rating D

PRICE £85000

DEANS ROAD DEANSFIELD

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EPC RATING: F

STARTING BID: £35,000.00

SWAN BANK PENN

● Excellent two bedroom terrace house ● No upward chain ● Gas central heating and double glazing (as specified) ● Two reception rooms ● Fitted kitchen ● Superb fitted bathroom ● Cellar ● Good sized rear garden ● EPC RATING: E

PRICE: 140,000

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PRICE: £65,000

TEMPEST STREET WOLVERHAMPTON

● Modern Two bedroom first floor apartment ● Furnished ● Excellent fitted kitchen ● Bathroom with white suite ● Electric heating to radiators ● Balcony ● Allocated parking ● EPC RATING: B

RENT: £615PCM

MERRIDALE COURT MERRIDALE

● Three bedroom first floor flat ● Furnished ● Gas central heating and double glazed windows ● Living room ● Bathroom with shower ● Modern fitted kitchen with appliances ● Parking areas ● EPC RATING: D

RENT: £520PCM

ROTHESAY GARDENS LANESFIELD

● Two bedroom first floor apartment ● Unfurnished ● Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows ● Through living room ● Modern fitted kitchen ● Shower room ● Allocated parking space with gated access ● EPC RATING: C

RENT: £550PCM

ROTHESAY GARDENS LANESFIELD

● Two bedroom first floor apartment ● unfurnished ● Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows ● Living /dining room ● Fitted kitchen ● Master bedroom with en suite ● Gated allocated parking ● EPC rating B

RENT £550 PCM

ST CHADS CLOSE PATTINGHAM

● Two bedroom first floor flat ● Furnished ● Gas fired central heating ● Double glazed windows ● Lounge ● Fitted dining kitchen ● Bathroom with shower ● EPC RATING: D

RENT: £500PCM

RICHMOND ROAD FINCHFIELD

● Four bedroom Semi- detached house ● Unfurnished ● Gas fired central heating ● Three reception rooms ● Shower room ● Rear garden ● EPC RATING: E

RENT: £695 PCM

NEWHAMPTON ROAD WEST NEWBRIDGE

● Two bedroom end townhouse ● Unfurnished ● Gas fired central heating ● Double glazed ● Lounge and breakfast kitchen ● Bathroom ● Parking ● EPC RATING: E

RENT: £475PCM

FIELDHEAD PLACE TETTENHALL

● Spacious three bedroom ground floor apartment ● unfurnished ● electric storage heating ● double glazed windows ● fitted kitchen ● shower room ● EPC rating E.

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Pageant revs up for 2015

By Anthony Martyn

The Cholmondeley Pageant of Power is setting the wheels in motion for 2015.

This year's event, which takes place from June 12 to 14, will go back to its roots by celebrating 'power' in all its forms.

With a wide range of exciting races, stunts, competitions and displays covering on-road, off-road, water and air, the three-day CPOP will give visitors their most thrilling experience yet.

Providing a real show-stopping spectacle and reinforcing the 'power' theme will be a 1,000bhp-plus class on the famous Cholmondeley race track.

Backing this up will be the world's most powerful rally cars from the notorious Group B era and Formula One cars from the fearsome Eighties turbo era. The theme will be further emphasised by a range of 200bhp bikes, including the Suzuki RGV500 XRB0, the most powerful two-stroke ever made.

If that wasn't enough, each day of the event will also have its own special theme. On Friday, June 12, visitors will be treated to the first-ever parade of all production Lotus models ever manufactured, organised by the Historic Lotus Register.

Featuring everything from the original Seven to the Esprit to the most powerful Lotus ever, the Evora GTE, these models will also be taking part in a special concours dedicated to the British marque.

Octane

Two further power-focused concours events will take place during the weekend. Saturday, June 13 will see American muscle cars battling it out to take the grand prize, with Plymouth Barracuda HEMIs taking on Dodge Challengers in a high-octane gathering.

Sunday, June 14 will feature the very glamorous assembly of a host of Eighties supercars. These bedroom wall poster heroes were also the most powerful cars of their era – just take the Lamborghini Countach 5000QV with its 455bhp 5.2-litre V12 for example, a car that will undoubtedly be one of the stars of the show.

All elements of the event will be set against the stunning backdrop of Cholmondeley Castle and its beautiful parkland and 20-acre lake.

'Only motorsport event in the UK where visitors can be enthralled by explosive power on land, water and in the air.'

James Hall, event director, said: "This is the eighth year that CPOP has been running and we have a lot of exciting elements in the pipeline to make this year's line-up bigger and better than ever.

"CPOP is the only motorsport event in the UK where visitors can be enthralled by explosive power on land, water and in the air.

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X hits the spot for Fiat

By David Banner

Fiat has expanded its highly successful 500 franchise in the shape of the dinky 500X SUV.

The Fiat 500X joins the crossover fray, offering a neat and stylish extension of the 500 franchise. With a choice of front or all-wheel drive, some modern diesel and petrol engines and some aggressive pricing, this one's going to be extremely popular.

The front-wheel drive models will doubtless prove more popular with British buyers who are about as likely to take the 500X off-roading as they are to send it round the Nurburgring.

You'll need to pay attention to the badging.

A 500X Cross Plus has all-wheel drive but a 500X Cross merely looks as if it does. This being Fiat, we get a range of excellent engines right from the get-go.

The petrol engines comprise a 109bhp 1.6-litre E-torQ and the more sophisticated 138bhp 1.4-litre Turbo MultiAir2 unit.

Go diesel and you're looking at the smooth 118bhp 1.6-litre MultiJet II for front-wheel drive applications and the 138bhp 2.0-litre MultiJet II if you want four-wheel drive, the latter being mated to a nine(!)-speed automatic transmission. The manual 'boxes get six speeds, unless you're looking at the entry-level 1.6-litre E-torQ transmission, which makes do with five ratios.

Fiat has also developed 168bhp 1.4-litre and 184bhp 2.4 petrol powerplants for this car, both with the auto and all-wheel drive.

The 1.6-litre diesel that will attract most footfall here in the UK is respectably brisk, getting to 62mph in 10.5 seconds, while delivering a 320Nm slug of torque.

The all-wheel drive models aren't designed to handle quite the same terrain as the related Jeep Renegade (which gets additional underbody strengthening), but there are tight approach and departure angles and reasonable 179mm of ground clearance that will help drivers tackle light rough terrain. That compares to 162mm you get on front-wheel drive models.

The 4x4 500X models are also equipped with specific bumpers and protective skid plates to protect the bodywork and mechanicals from the rigours of off-road use.

Original

The 500X's curvaceous roofline and windows is instantly reminiscent of the original Cinquecento. It's certainly something we can imagine proving very popular indeed, and which will give its rivals plenty to worry about.

There will always be resistance to any manufacturer that extends the scope of a retro reissue beyond that of the original car.

People lambasted MINI for doing just this with cars like the Countryman and Paceman, but if the job is done well, the buying public does comes round.

The 500X certainly looks the part and continues a long tradition of small all-wheel drive Fiats, so it's not just a bit of a wheeze dreamed up by some kid in the marketing department with the ink still wet on his MBA certificate.

The styling is neat and assured, it fills a genuinely useful gap in the range, succeeding the Sedici, and the engineering that underpins it is all reassuringly right and exact.

Fiat has priced it aggressively, equipped it generously and it's got enough room inside to fulfil that crossover remit. In other words it's an extremely compelling package.

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Hot-hatch icon reborn in race car for the road

Commercial feature

After a five year wait, 2015 sees the arrival of the world's keenly anticipated hot hatch, the Honda Civic Type R. Billed as a 'race car for the road', the all-new Civic Type R will set new standards in the high-performance front-wheel drive hatchback segment.

The production version of Honda's latest hot hatch icon was revealed for the first time at the 85th Geneva Motor this week.

Type R vehicles have garnered a cult following around the world and the new model more than lives up to the high expectations. A world-first application of Honda's new 2.0-litre VTEC TURBO engine, aggressive function-led styling, and pioneering new chassis technologies combine to deliver one of the most immersive and rewarding driving experiences available in any sector.

The new 2015 Civic Type R will be powered by the most extreme and high-performing engine in the 22-year history of the red 'H' badge, signalling the start of a new performance era for the Honda brand.

At the heart of the Civic Type R is an all-new, direct-injected turbocharged 2.0 litre VTec Turbo petrol engine, which delivers power, torque and performance figures unmatched in the front-wheel drive hot hatch segment. Peak power output is 310PS at 6,500rpm, and peak torque is 400Nm at 2,500rpm – both higher than for any previous Honda Type R model.

Red-lining at 7,000rpm, the engine – part of Honda's next-generation Earth Dreams Technology series – features an advanced new turbocharger with VTec technology that boosts low-end torque and delivers sustained acceleration.

The Civic Type R's blistering performance is unmatched in the front-wheel drive hot hatch segment: the 0-to-100km/h (62 mph) sprint is covered in just 5.7 seconds – making it the fastest accelerating performance front-wheel drive hatchback – and top speed, where permitted, is a class-leading 270km/h (167 mph).

Rewarding

The new engine is mated to a slick-shifting six-speed manual transmission, safeguarding an intimate, rewarding connection with the drivetrain, and power is directed through the front wheels.

The styling changes that are unique to the Civic Type R give the car an aggressive, purposeful stance, yet almost all have a functional purpose. The sleek and aerodynamically-efficient design reflects a car developed to perform at speed. The focus on aerodynamics has ensured high-speed stability and high levels of downforce.

To achieve this aim, the Civic Type R was subject to exhaustive aerodynamic analysis, testing and development. The development team tirelessly pursued its objectives through computer-based CFD modelling and wind tunnel testing at Honda's dedicated automotive motorsports facility in Sakura, Japan; home of Honda's Formula One engine development.

A new, almost completely flat underside aids airflow under the vehicle and combines with a rear diffuser to optimise downforce – effectively 'sucking' the car onto the road.

The rear wing has been reimagined from the Type R Concept. The structure of the airfoil – its angle, height and shape as well as its vertical end plates – have been carefully engineered to optimise downforce without causing a significant increase in drag at higher speeds. This helps improve road-holding abilities, particularly through high-speed corners.

A wide front splitter and deep side skirts also manage airflow and reduce lift, while the front bumper has been shaped specifically to inhibit air turbulence around the front wheels, enhancing high-speed stability and reducing lift forces.

To help the driver manage the Type R's power, the car is equipped with a high performance Brembo brake package, developed specifically for the car. A number of innovative new suspension systems, unique to the Type R, have been introduced to produce rewarding handling characteristics and to maximise power transfer to the road.

The new Civic Type R will mark the debut of the new '+R' button that increases the response of various chassis and drivetrain systems. The result is an even more intense driving experience, ideal for the track and for the genuine sports-driving enthusiast.

When +R mode is activated, engine responsiveness is heightened, with torque-mapping changed to a more aggressive and performance-focused setting. Steering receives reduced power assistance and is therefore more responsive to driver inputs, and basic damping force from the new four-point Adaptive Damper System is increased by 30 per cent. This means the behaviour of the car is firmer and more agile for high-performance handling.

The all-new Honda Civic Type R will go on sale across Europe from this summer. Full vehicle specifications will be announced in due course.

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All about high-end luxury as old and new combine

By Matt Kimberley

There's a new guy in town with an old name, one that might just ruffle a few feathers at British favourites Bentley and Rolls-Royce.

The Maybach name is back, and this time it means business. The old standalone Maybach was flawed from the very beginning, built as it was on a platform old enough to have been shared with the Ark. But what you see here isn't a Maybach: it's a Mercedes-Maybach.

It's the new flagship Mercedes S-Class, built under a double-barrelled name that could, if consumer demand is there, mirror the Mercedes-AMG badge with multiple models atop various ranges. AMG cars are built for high-end luxury and giggles, but the Mercedes-Maybach is all about comfort and exceptional indulgence.

It's a long old thing, adding another 20cm between the wheels compared to the long-wheelbase S-Class. So no, it's not short of legroom. The roofline is higher and stays that way for longer, the rear doors are a different length and there are small 'double-M' badges on the C-pillars.

Stalwart

The force is strong with the finest S-Class, and always has been. Apparently customers wanted more exclusivity and even more of the stuff that makes the S-Class such a stalwart at the top of its class, so Mercedes has combined the famous badge with another one to form the new standard-bearer. Where the old Maybach had image problems, its spiritual successor has big-time pedigree – albeit in a less showy way.

Nit-pickers will note that part of the boot is taken up by the fridge unit, but being able to keep your champagne chilled is clearly far more important. To drink it there are two silver-plated champagne flutes in a fold-down tray between the two rear seats – but only if you specify the £7,200 First Class rear seat set-up.

There's enough legroom to allow your St Bernards to curl up at your feet, and they'll be comforted by the standard luxury lamb's wool floor mats that replicate an expensive living room feel. You're actually meant to take your shoes off to appreciate it (and it's totally worth it).

To be frank, few owners will actually drive it themselves, but if they did they'd be astonished at how relentlessly fast it is thanks to a 530-horsepower V12 engine. Refinement and comfort in any seat is amazing, with the softest leathers and seats that, in the rear, can give you six different types of back or shoulder massage. Six! And don't forget seven colours of ambient lighting, of course.

Comfy

Heating, cooling and up to 43.5 degrees of backrest tilt are also rather nice, but it's the leg rest that steals the show. Hold a button down and the front passenger seat moves forwards, the leg rest rises and you eventually find yourself as comfy as if you were in your own reclining armchair at home. Probably comfier. All the toys you'd expect on the 'king among S-Classes' are standard. Go forth and meddle.

When you look at what you get, £167,000 is a steal. Bear with me on this. The big double-M is built as well as a Bentley but has more technology and is arguably even better to drive. The only thing it lacks is the statement-making looks of a Rolls-Royce, but not everyone wants those.

Who would buy one? Media moguls, Mafia kingpins, ultra-exclusive chauffeurs and more will all want to get their hands on a Mercedes-Maybach, although only 100 or so will sell in the UK every year. Any S-Class is a brilliant luxury car, but the new maestro is a bit special. Below-the-radar on the outside but above all but the loftiest of expectations, this is the sober thinker's Rolls-Royce Ghost.

This car summed up in a single word: Impressive.

If this car was a vineyard it would be one of the Champagne region's finest: magnificent to behold and full of rich bounties.

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New Suzuki Vitara builds on acclaim earned since 1988 launch

By James Parker

Ever since its market launch in 1988, the Suzuki Vitara series has earned high acclaim for stylish, city-orientated designs, compact and easy to manage dimensions, good on-road performance and genuine off-road capability. The series has evolved through changes in body size and powertrain.

Now, more than 25 years after the original model's debut, the Vitara heritage is embodied in a fresh sport utility vehicle incarnation.

The all-new Vitara has smaller dimensions to meet contemporary needs and incorporates Suzuki's cutting-edge Allgrip four-wheel-drive system as an option.

Advanced safety and connectivity equipment is available and Vitara also enables owners to express themselves through various personalisation options. Prices start at £13,999 on the road.

Standard equipment specification highlights for SZ4 include seven airbags, 16in alloy wheels, DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth connectivity, cruise control with speed limiter, auto air conditioning, front and rear electric windows and projector headlamps.

SZ-T adds 17in silver painted alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, smartphone link audio and navigation system.

Moving up, SZ5 adds LED projector headlights, 17in polished alloy wheels, suede seat fabric, keyless entry with start button, adaptive cruise control, radar brake support and panaoramic sunroof.

Personalisation

From the initial development stage, Vitara was designed with personalisation in mind.

Diverse exterior colours and a range of design details enable owners to specify their Vitara to their individual tastes. Customers can choose from 10 body colours which include two new ones as well as five two-tone combinations. The two new colours are Atlantis Turquoise Pearl Metallic and Horizon Orange Metallic.

Several other items are available to further personalise the Vitara interior and exterior trim detailing, including instrument panel trim (turquoise, orange, white, or piano black), ventilation louvre rings (turquoise, orange, white, or piano black) and centrally located clock.

Available as a £500 option, owners can also further emphasise their new Vitara's on- or off-road credentials by choosing from two packages:

Urban package adds sophistication and consists of fog lamp bezels (chrome-plated), body-side mouldings, and a roof spoiler.

Rugged package emphasises SUV toughness. It consists of front and rear skid plates, fog lamp bezels, body-side mouldings, and loading edge protection.

Engines

The new Vitara is powered by the M16A 1.6-litre petrol engine or the D16AA 1.6-litre DDiS.

With the petrol option, friction reductions combined with weight savings in the engine and related components help achieve excellent fuel economy together with high output and torque.

For the diesel engine, a new exhaust gas recirculation system and an electronically controlled variable geometry turbocharger help achieve powerful, torquey performance together with low emissions and Euro 6.

The new Vitara's CO2 emissions are low thanks to the use of high tensile steel and other weight-saving measures in the body plus an engine auto stop start system which shuts down the engine when stationary.

The CO2 emissions for the petrol engine with two-wheel-drive/manual transmission are 123g/km and 127g/km for the petrol engine with two-wheel-drive/six-speed automatic transmission.

Four-wheel-drive is typically seen as detrimental to fuel economy and emissions performance.

By contrast, Suzuki's Allgrip system enables CO2 emissions that are remarkably low for a four-wheel-drive SUV with figures of 130g/km with five-speed manual transmission and 131g/km with six-speed automatic transmission.

The new Vitara also has outstandingly low CO2 emissions with the DDiS engine, emitting just 106g/km with two-wheel-drive/six-speed manual

There's a comprehensive list of active and passive safety equipment including radar brake support system available on SZ5 models, light, impact absorbing body, speed limiter, 0electronic stability programme, and tyre pressure monitoring system.

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Smart ideas will get you thinking

By David Banner

Does buying the biggest Smart make you the smartest? Given that the ForTwo is Smart's 'really small' car, you'd be forgiven for thinking the ForFour was practically a family wagon. But no, it's only the same size as a Skoda Citigo – albeit a very different sort of attack on the citycar sector.

You get four doors, four seats and a tiny boot that can be cleverly expanded in several different ways. A rear-mounted engine takes a lot of potential boot space away, so as standard it's smaller than a Citigo or Hyundai i10, but it has more flexible seating to create surprising space if you want it.

Even if you choose the basic model and the least colourful interior, the Smart is still a bit 'look at me!'. You just choose how bright and funky you want it, and thanks to multiple options for the fabric-covered dashboard and trim inserts, you're never going to be short of something to brighten your day.

It's a unique thing to look at, with a front end by Barn Door Styling Ltd and a two-tone paint job that traces the special safety cell, making both Smart cars so strong in crash situations.

While the boot is pretty miniature to start with, the two rear seats fold flat in an instant to give a flat and broad load bay. The front passenger seat folds too, to allow long, thin objects of up to 2.2 metres. Brilliant for plumbers carrying copper piping, one assumes. Or active types with surfboards or skis.

The rear seat cushions even flip and collapse to a lower position, turning the rear passenger area into a 'boot' big enough to take a 50in TV. Rear doors that open to a marvellous 85 degrees help with loading and unloading, whether the cargo is oversized electronics or undersized humans.

There are a couple of handy storage compartments squeezed into the cabin, but the glove box is all-but-useless and the cupholders ahead of the gear stick allow drinks bottles to flop around and interfere with shifts.

The big selling point is a super-tight turning circle.

It's nowhere near as hilarious as the ForTwo's black cab-beating efforts, but it's class-leading anyway. Parallel parking becomes a mere trifle in the daily grind of commuting.

Not even the turbocharged version is quick, so forget any delusions of grandeur, and the steering and chassis responses have been tuned for slow reactions. Better for stability and safety, Smart says, and they do technically have a point.

It rides and drives like a bigger car thanks to new suspension tech inspired by the Mercedes C-Class.

There's more suspension travel and greater control than in the old model, although the steering stays very light even at speed.

There are no two ways about it: this car is pricey. Top-spec sat-nav-equipped rivals are a couple of thousand pounds cheaper than an equivalent ForFour, which, fair enough, is better equipped than you expect thanks to climate control, cruise control, alloy wheels and a rather nice leather steering wheel. Not forgetting a handy 'claw' to hold your phone, which then integrates into the car's systems and functions as a media interface via Smart's own app.

There's a very valid case for buying the biggest Smart, but at the increased price you really do have to want one a lot.

It's got the quirk factor, as well as solid and safe engineering under the skin. It's a fashion statement that eclipses most of its more sober confederates and stands out in a way that plenty of people are likely to engage with.

This car summed up in a single word: Clever.

If this car was a popular DIY product, it would be a multi-tool.

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Aston will build only 100 GT3s

One of the sure-fire stars of the Geneva Motor Show this month will be the Aston Martin Vantage GT3, making its debut at the show.

The road-going GT3 takes its inspiration from the Vantage racers that compete in the GT3 class of sports car racing, and features extreme aerodynamic aids front and rear to produce substantial downforce, increasing cornering speeds.

Many of the exterior panels on the Vantage GT3 are now carbonfibre, including the front wings, bonnet, doors and even the option of a carbonfibre roof and polycarbonate rear and side windows reduced the overall weight by up to 100kg.

Under the bonnet there is an uprated version of the mighty 6.0-litre V12 engine which Aston Martin claims will deliver 600PS (592bhp), enough to propel it to 185mph and from 0-62mph in just 3.7 seconds.

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New Corsa VXR reveal at Geneva

By David Banner

Vauxhall took the wraps off the new Corsa VXR, its ultra-powerful small hot-hatch, at the Geneva Motor Show this week.

Benefiting from the significant revisions in technology, interior/exterior design and chassis showcased in the recently launched New Corsa, the VXR is set to raise the bar for small, fast hatchbacks when it appears in UK showrooms in May.

Headline performance figures are 0-60mph in 6.8 seconds and a top speed of 143mph – quicker than the outgoing car, but more importantly the VXR produces its 245Nm of torque from lower revs (between 1,900rpm and 5,800rpm, compared with 2,250rpm to 5,500rpm for the outgoing Nürburgring and ClubSport models). This makes the VXR a potent performer between 50-75mph, which it can dispatch in just 6.6 seconds in fifth gear.

An overboost facility provides an additional 35Nm of torque, ideal for swift and safe overtaking.

Maximum power from its 1.6-litre turbocharged engine is 205PS, while the Corsa VXR achieves 37.7mpg on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of 174g/km.

As before, power is delivered to the front wheels via a second-generation six-speed transmission with a short, fluid gearchange.

Vauxhall has worked closely with damper-supplier, Koni, to develop a new technology, known as Frequency Selective Damping (FSD) for the new Corsa VXR. FSD allows damping forces to adapt to the car's movements, ensuring that body control is maintained when the car is driven fast, but ride quality is optimised at lower speeds. In addition, the car's ride height has been lowered by 10mm all round.

For the first time, Vauxhall is offering a two-stage switchable electronic stability programme (ESP) and traction control (TC) with the Corsa VXR.

In competition mode the traction control is inactive, while the ESP is relaxed to allow less intervention. For track use, the ESP can be fully disabled.

Revisions have been made to the new Corsa VXR's steering, making it more direct and precise, with improved feedback through the wheel. Michelin 215/45 R17 tyres are standard, as are 308mm front brake discs.

Standard bi-xenon lighting and a choice of six exterior colours help the new Corsa VXR stand out in its class. An aggressive new front-end design features large air intakes and an aluminium-framed opening below the headlights.

A small scoop is located below the bonnet and side-sill extensions enhance the Corsa VXR's performance credentials still further.

Distinguish

At the rear, a rear spoiler provides meaningful downforce over the back axle, and twin Remus exhaust pipes further distinguish it from regular Corsas.

Six exterior colours – including Flash Blue, which is unique to the Corsa VXR – are available for the Corsa VXR.

The car's cabin has standard Recaro seats, a leather, flat-bottomed steering wheel, sports pedals, as well as a VXR gear-lever and instruments. A heated front windscreen and Intellilink connectivity for Apple iOS and android smartphones are also standard.

For Corsa VXR customers keen to enhance their car's dynamics still further, Vauxhall is offering an optional Performance Package, which includes certain features previously seen in the outgoing Nürburgring and ClubSport models.

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Licensing Act 2003
Application has been made under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003, by Eacal Shippey & Lorraine Heath to Wolverhampton City Council for a variation of a Premises Licence in respect of a premise known as: The Malt Shovel, 131 Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV1 2HR

The proposed variation is to include the following licensable activities

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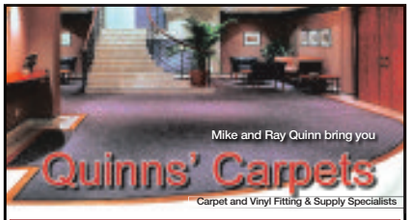

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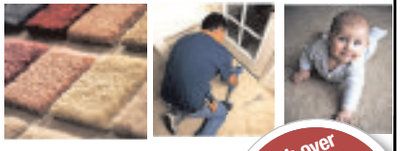

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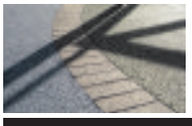

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Men seeking women

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MATURE male, 6ft, GSOH, fit, active, loving, honest, N/S, seeks female with similar qualities. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414261**

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Wolves wins are a team effort, says skipper Batth

CAPTAIN Danny Batth insists Wolves' endeavours are a team effort .

Kenny Jackett's side have rattled in eight goals without reply, in home games against Rotherham and Fulham respectively.

They remain five points off the Championship play-off places.

Wolves' forwards have been in sizzling form over that home double header with Bakary Sako scoring three times, Benik Afobe bagging a brace and Nouha Dicko also finding the net.

But centre-back Batth, who headed the opener against Fulham from Sako's corner, pointed to the defensive efforts as another key factor.

The skipper said: "To be fair to the forwards, they have been lethal in the last two games but we are judged by clean sheets, too, particularly for me as a defender.

"What pleased me was that Bakary was chasing players back, as well as creating and scoring goals at the other end.

"Long may that continue, but we won't get carried away. We don't take anything for granted, it's all about the hard work we put in on the training ground.

"Hopefully, that will stand us in good stead because there's no end of tough teams to play in this division."

"After two good results at home, we will take our supporters there and look to upset them and get the three points. We are chasing the pack and we have to put the pressure on."

Sako shone with an assist and two powerful strikes in the 3-0 Fulham win as he built on his goal against Rotherham.

Jackett considers reinforcements

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett is pondering reinforcements in a variety of positions before the Football League loan window closes.

Wolves have reignited fans' dreams of a Championship play-off place with eight goals in back-to-back home wins in the last week.

But Jackett is still considering strengthening for a final push before the season's last transfer deadline on March 26.

"We haven't got anyone right now and there isn't someone coming in for Saturday but it is something we are looking at," said Jackett.

"We want to be active and would like to strengthen with the right player, or right players, if we can.

"It would be a variety of positions we are looking at."

Jackett hopes winger Bakary Sako will be fit he limped off during the win against Fulham on Tuesday night.

The wide man scored two goals just before halftime following a 10th-minute assist for Danny Batth that helped Jackett's men to a 3-0 win over the Cottagers.

"He was suffering some stomach pains and cramps and was in some discomfort and some pain so he needed to come off," said Jackett.

"It was maybe a stomach upset and nothing more than that.

"He came over and said he'd give it a couple of minutes but then signalled to say it was no good.

"I'm sure in the next day or so that will pass."

And Jackett has pledged to stay on the front foot after his side have hit the goal trail in their last two outings.

He said: "We've found a formula in terms of scoring goals and it shows that going forward we're quite potent. At various stages in the season we haven't had that.

"If we're to have any chance at all we need to keep potent and inventive around that opposition box.

"We also need to tighten up in other areas – but we must continue to go for the attack."

Non-winners battle it out in the semi-finals

THE Wolverhampton City Netball league played the semi-finals of the Julio and Non-Winners Tournament.

THE Non-Winners Tournament saw Division 2 teams Crescent and Phoenix face each other with Crescent comfortably winning 28-15 and will meet Whitmore Y in the final. The Julio Tournament saw Division 1 teams Libra Lea White defeat Whitmore Y 13-3 and Chasetown A beat Division 2 Whitmore T 13-6, Libra and Chasetown through to the final.

Division 1 Libra Lea went on to play Whitmore Y in winning 38-14.

Last year's Champions Sapphets won both their games 27-21 against Whitmore X and 29-15 against Sam 3. Whitmore X were back in winning form in their second match beating Sam 2 34-25.

Division 3 saw Roldec and Whitmore Z play with Roldec winning 22-18.

In Division 5 Lunes beat Sam 5 22-11, to go top of the table – Oddessy, Phoenix Scorpions, Ice and Stourbridge Jets all vying for promotion.

Julio Tournament: Semi-Final: Whitmore Y 3 Libra Lea White 13; Chasetown A 13 Whitmore T 6. Non-Winners: Phoenix 15 Crescent 28.

Division 1: Sam 2 25 (1) Whitmore X 38 (5); Whitmore X 21 (0) Sapphets 27 (5); Sam 3 15 (1) Sapphets 29 (5); Whitmore Y 14 (0) Libra Lea White 38 (5).

Division 2: Whitmore T 22 (1) Crescent 30 (5); Lucas 22 (1) Phoenix 31 (5).

Division 3: Jupiter 15 (1) Cresta 26 (5); Whitmore Z 18 (2) Roldec 22 (5); Sam 4 25 (5) Whitmore A 19 (1).

Division 4: Whitmore J 33 (5) Amec Ladies 19 (1); Dolls 2 33 (5) Sedgley Sirens 14 (0); Amec Ladies 20 (1) Chasetown B 33 (5); Flames 19 (1) Blaze 24 (5).

Division 5: Sam 5 11 (1) Lunes 22 (5); Breezers 8 (0) Chasetown B 23 (5).

Draw for Wulfs was always on the cards

Walsall Wood 1 AFC Wulfrunians 1

NOT surprisingly the game between the divisions form teams ended all square.

Wood started brightly, playing some neat enterprising football without finding the net in the first 45 minutes.

They went ahead from the penalty spot on 51 minutes, but the introduction of young substitute Demetri Brown on the hour changed the whole complexion of the game and he nipped between defender and keeper on 80 minutes to plunder the equaliser.

A bright start from both sides but it was Wood who threatened first, Luke Adams and Ben Evans combining in the centre to feed Joey Butlin, he powered through one tackle but under pressure from Ryan Talbot he fired over the bar.

Two minutes later a lovely ball out wide right by Max Black found Corey Currithers who cut back inside, laid the ball square to Harry Harris to hit a first time effort goalwards, keeper Jonathon Brown's full-length save pushing the ball onto the post.

On 18 minutes Butlin released Luke Adams wide right, he made the box only to overhit his cross.

Brave

Five minutes later it was Black collecting the ball from a left wing throw running at the defence, Jordan Perks making a brave block.

A minute into the second half, a left wing cross from Evans was completely missed by Brown, Perks saving the keeper's blushes by heading off the line. On 51 minutes Harris raced onto a ball into the left of the box only to go down under a mistimed challenge; Butlin making no mistake from the spot to put Wood ahead.

Ten minutes from time a ball over the top of the Wood defence held up on the wind, saw Kisiel came to the edge of the box and hesitate, which allowed Brown in to lift the ball calmly over the keeper.

On 90 minutes a right to left move across the face of the Wood box ended with Nathan Rose-Laing firing in a low drive that brought a superb full-length save from Kisiel, the ball flying out to Mitchell McDonald whose first time effort was pushed away by the keeper, but only straight to Liam Bood to fire the loose ball high and wide.

This was a better performance by Wood and gave them a lift for the three games in the next eight days. Boldmere St Michael's followed by Continental Star at Oak Park on Saturday and then Basford United on Tuesday March 10.

Jodie has her eyes on Olympics

Winner – Jodie Myers who is determined to have a good year, her last as an under-21

UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton judoka Jodie Myers believes her latest victory can provide her with the perfect launch pad to make Rio 2016.

Myers had a season to remember last year, winning +78kg silver for England at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow before going onto to take gold at the Junior European Judo Championships. She began 2015 in the same winning form, taking the Scottish Open Championships title in January. And the 19-year-old was celebrating again in Sheffield recently as she defeated Aberdeen University's Alison Wilson in the women's +78kg final at the 2015 British Universities & Colleges Sport Nationals (BUCS).

Myers is adamant the result can be the start of a winning 18 months as she chases her Olympic dream.

She said: "BUCS is just about representing the university and giving back what they given to me in terms of support, mentoring, and of course the scholarship.

"I'm determined to have a good year."

Hockey club is boosted with award

WOLVERHAMPTON & Tettenhall Hockey Club have been given a ClubsFirst Award only 18 months after the honour was established.

It is a major landmark for the club, which was formed from a merger of Wolverhampton Men's Hockey Club and Wolverhampton & Tettenhall Ladies Hockey Club in 2012.

The ClubsFirst Award recognises clubs that can demonstrate they are working towards minimum operating standards.

Any club that gets the ClubsFirst Award is also given a Sport England Clubmark accreditation, which recognises that a club is a safe place for people of all ages.

They have also received a Club Registration from Wolverhampton City Council, a local recognition of standards.

Founded in 1904 in Wolverhampton the club offers a full range of opportunities for senior and juniors to enjoy the sport at all levels.

To find out more visit www.wolverhamptonhockeyclub.org.uk.

Bakary can be replaced, says Jackett

WOLVES have declared they are confident of replacing Bakary Sako if the star leaves this summer – although they want him to stay.

Head coach Kenny Jackett desperately wants to keep the 26-year-old, but says the search is well under way to fill the winger's boots should he depart when his contract expires in June.

Four goals in the last three games have taken Sako's total to 11 for the season including the winner at Cardiff.

The Mali international has netted 31 times in 105 League games since his £2.5m move from St Etienne in 2012.

But Jackett believes Wolves can fill that sizeable gap if the French-born flier leaves on a free transfer this summer, with Albion and QPR waiting to re-ignite their interest.

"If he does go, we can fill that gap," said Jackett. "It's possible for us to replace him. We don't want him to go, though.

"But if he does and it's internal, that would be great."

Albion sweat on fitness of striking duo

ALBION boss Tony Pulis has backed Tim Sherwood to be a success at Villa as he sweated on the fitness of his strike duo.

And Pulis, who was was awaiting an update on the fitness of key strikers Saido Berahino and Brown Ideye, has given his backing to the new Villa manager.

"I've got a lot of time for Tim. I think he's a good coach and I think he's a good manager and I'm sure he will be a success. He just needs the time there to turn it around. I think Villa have appointed a really top man."

Pulis's side moved to 30 points with 11 games left as Berahino's early rocket fired them to a 1-0 home win against Southampton.

But both he and strike partner Ideye limped off in the game.

Sako's brace helps to sink Cottagers

Wolves 3 Fulham 0

Football

BAKARY SAKO battered Fulham as Wolves made a mockery of their recent Molineux struggles.

In three moments of first-half magic the mercurial winger scored a brace to take his tally to 10 this season and effectively sewed up this victory – all after swinging in the corner for the first goal.

It was the second win inside four days for Kenny Jackett's side, taking their tally to eight goals for and none against in that time to boost that modest goal difference in their quest to make the Championship play-offs.

If the game belonged to Wolves, then the first half belonged to Sako.

In fact, from an entertainment point of view, it was a pity Jackett only allowed him 57 minutes before replacing him, with Saturday's trip to Cardiff in mind.

Yes, he can be unpredictable at times, but when he is on song like he was last night, no one can handle him at this level – and you realise why he was courted heavily by three Premier League teams in the January transfer window.

Sako displayed the depth and quality of Wolves' attacking riches, with Nouha Dicko, Benik Afobe, James Henry and Rajiv Van La Parra all looking hungry and dangerous.

It was Sako whose inswinger saw Danny Batth put Wolves in the driving seat when he opened the scoring with the first attack of the game after 10 minutes.

The Brierley Hill-born skipper climbed above Nikolay Bodurov to glance home and give the home side some early respite with his fourth goal of the season which they looked like they needed.

Decisiveness

Just like Rotherham did on Saturday, Fulham had their chances to have made the scoreline look very different.

But thankfully for Wolves, the Londoners lacked Sako's decisiveness in front of goal.

Within two minutes of Batth's opener, Seko Fofana threatened for the visitors as he cut inside before letting fly as the space opened up in front of him.

But his left foot shot flew well wide.

Wolves almost made it 2-0 in the quarter-hour mark with a sweeping move that characterised some of their best play.

Dicko floated a ball over the top for Scott Golbourne, who volleyed it into the danger area for Afobe to meet it in a similarly full-blooded fashion only for keeper Marcus Bettinelli to parry on the line.

Sako got his range spot on when he capped a passage of neat football of some 15 passes involving him, Jack Price, Golbourne and Afobe as play switched from right to left and back again before the winger found the far bottom corner of the net from 22 yards.

Understandably, the second half was something more of a sedate affair, with the tempo gone from the game as neither side showed as much urgency to score.

Fulham were their own worst enemy as they were too precise and finicky about their build-up. That was never shown more than in the 66th minute when Lasse Vigen Christensen delayed his shot as three Wolves players got back to block.

There was still time for the much-improved McDonald to test Bellinelli with a curling effort.

Smith calls fans to cut the sarcasm

DEAN SMITH claims Walsall must stick together to break out of their current slump – as he called on supporters to save any negativity for the final whistle.

The Saddlers boss felt comments from sections of the Banks's Stadium crowd adversely affected his players during Saturday's 2-0 home defeat to Leyton Orient – their third reverse in the last four games.

Smith said: "It doesn't help when you are trying to pass it and there are a couple of ironic cheers.

"I think it just hinders the players more than anything else.

"We all get frustrated but vent those frustrations at the end of the game and not during the 90 minutes.

"The players do not go out to purposely make mistakes."

Karlsson is to defend his title

PETER Karlsson will defend his Banks's Olympique Classic title at Wolverhampton later this month.

The club have confirmed their full team will be included in the season opener on Monday March 23.

And they've sent invitations to crowd pleasers Chris Harris, Scott Nicholls and Lasse Bjerre for the event which will feature 20 heats and 16 riders.

Parrys International Wolves bosses will also be keeping a watch on Polish youngster Jakub Jamrog who is desperate to win a contract to ride in the UK.

Promoter Chris Van Straaten said: "PK's win here last season was remarkable, he was on fire that night and as fit and sharp as ever.

"The full team will be going through their paces and I'm sure Freddie Lindgren and Jacob Thorssell will be looking to beat their fellow Swede to the title.

"Lasse Bjerre was very popular in the short time he was with us last season and it would be nice to see him back for the event.

"Scott Nicholls and Chris Harris are two riders the Wolverhampton crowd always enjoy seeing around Monmore so I am hoping they will be able to accept our invitation.

"There will be no handicap format for this meeting, we will simply be staging 20 heats with 16 riders and hopefully we will see just as much entertainment as we did in last year's meeting.

"It's also the first opportunity to see our new signing Tobiasz Musielak in action. He was desperately disappointed when the Olympique handicap event was cancelled last October so he will be looking for a strong performance.

"Jakub Jamrog is keen to ride in the UK and we will watch his performance with interest and with one eye on the future."

The club will host their press and practice evening on March 16 with riders expected on track from 6.30pm approximately. Admission is by donation £1.

The following night sees the team appear at the Cleveland Arms Sports Pub, Stow Heath Lane, for their pre-season talk-in from 8pm. Admission will be £2.50 with a big turnout expected at the new venue.

Midfielder Jacobs now available for loan calls

FORGOTTEN man Michael Jacobs has been made available by Wolves for a loan move.

The 22-year-old attacking midfielder hasn't played since the 2-1 defeat to Bournemouth, the last of 12 appearances the former Derby man has made this season.

Head coach Kenny Jackett refused to allow the ex-Northampton winger out on loan when Birmingham enquired about him in the last loan window in November.

Jackett also blocked him going out in January when Bakary Sako was at the African Cup of Nations. But with Sako, Rajiv Van La Parra and James Henry all fit and flying, Jackett has relented – providing he can secure a replacement before the loan window shuts on Thursday, March 19.

"If there was a loan offer for Michael we'd we'd consider it," said the boss.

"Michael's minutes on the pitch have been limited this season.

"But we don't want to let players out unnecessarily where we wouldn't be able to bring anyone in."

Meanwhile, Jackett has warned Wolves to be true to their team-mates as he insisted there is no excuse not to own up to fatigue.

"You can only tell on the day but we've talked about that and we've said there can't be any excuses," said the boss.

"If people feel they're not really on top form physically, it's their duty to tell me. They need to be right with their team-mates so there can't be an excuse for energy levels."

Jackett has made regular changes and said no players have indicated they are struggling.

Boss Jackett wants fans to keep up the roaring

WOLVES past and present have praised the 'Premier League' support that is roaring the team towards the play-offs.

Boss Kenny Jackett and former Molineux striker Nathan Blake both made unprompted reference to the travelling support after 2,060 visiting fans chanted non-stop in Saturday's 1-0 win at Cardiff.

"There's a special mention to the supporters from Saturday," said head coach Jackett.

"There were over 2,000 there which was fantastic and they really drove us on and that shows a good bond again between the players and the fans.

"We need to develop and foster that and keep hold of that because it can really help us be successful as a club."

Former Wolves and Cardiff striker Blake, who won promotion with Wolves via the play-offs in 2003 and is now a regular media pundit in the Bluebirds' press box, was equally impressed with those who made the journey.

"I've got to mention those fans – they are quality supporters and they were brilliant on Saturday," said the 43-year-old.

"They have Premier League support.

"If they hadn't been there on Saturday, the stadium would have looked half empty.

"They have done magnificently and deserve to be supporting a Premier League team."

Blake scored one of the goals that got Wolves promoted to the Premier League for the first time in 2003 and claims the noise they created in the play-off final has never been beaten.

Relegation draws closer for women

Derby County Ladies 3 Wolves Women 0

WOLVES Women's relegation troubles were deepened after defeat away at fellow-strugglers Derby County.

The Black Country women's side are in a transitional period after parting company with manager Trevor Mullings and his coaching staff, with an interim team of Wolves Community Trust staff in place until the end of the season.

Wolves started well enough in appalling conditions at Derby, despite missing half of their first team players.

Nicole Butler was handed her debut at right-back, and didn't look out of place as Wolves started brightly, with Jade Cross stealing the ball 30 yards out, before playing in Emily North who fizzed her effort wide.

Derby were on the back-foot, but were able to take the lead against the run of play on 17 minutes when Aimee Perry was gifted a free header from a corner.

Struggling

Wolves continued to look the better side but were struggling to create clear-cut chances as both sides fought for control in midfield.

The second half saw Derby improve as Wolves tried in vain to get themselves back into the match. Goalkeeper Lottie McElroy was forced into a one-handed save of a Derby effort from distance, as she looked to stake her claim as the club's number one, following the departure of Natalie Hall.

However, McElroy was helpless as Wolves gifted Derby their second goal. A square ball was intercepted on the half-way line allowing Melissa Johnson to race clear and chip the onrushing keeper.

Jen Anslow tried her luck from 35 yards as Wolves attempted to get back into the game, but her shot dipped narrowly over the bar.

Johnson rifled in her second goal on the turn, ten minutes later as Derby ran out deserving 3-0 winners.

Assistant Manager Brian Churm reflecting on the match, said: "With four regular first team players out we fielded players from our reserve set up. To their credit they battled well, so we were really pleased with that. After controlling the game for the first 20 minutes, we had a momentary lack of concentration to allow Derby to score from a corner."

"Conditions worsened with both sets of players struggling to stand up on a boggy pitch but we were undone by minor lapses of concentration.

"All in all we were pleased with the performance in those terrible conditions and we will continue to build the confidence in the squad for next week."

Wolves Women now have two home games in quick succession, starting Sunday March 8 at 2pm when they entertain fifth-placed Preston North End in the league.

Then on March 11 they play host to Coventry City Ladies in the semi-final of the Birmingham County Cup, with a 7.45pm kick-off. Both games will be played at Hednesford Town FC.

Jenni Anslow takes a corner for Wolves Women during the match against winners Derby County

Mistakes did it for Evans, says Jackett

LEE EVANS has been excluded from the Wolves squad because of his on-pitch mistakes rather than social media, says Kenny Jackett.

The head coach scuppered any prospect of the 20-year-old leaving on loan – and won't ban players from Twitter.

Jackett hinted that the midfielder could end his four-match exile imminently following the row which saw him disciplined by the club.

Evans' brother Danny used social media to query his sibling's exclusion from the squad for last Saturday's 5-0 win against Rotherham. Evans also missed Tuesday's 3-0 victory over Fulham and played no part in the previous two games.

"Lee has an excellent range of passing and is very competitive," said Jackett. "But he needs to cut out the mistakes."

Donaldson in good books as blues win

Blues 1 Brentford 0

GARY Rowett richly praised the performance of Clayton Donaldson in Birmingham's vital home win over promotion-chasing Brentford.

Following eight games without a win, the Blues carved out this victory as a result of an unfortunate 40th-minute own goal from Brentford centre-back James Tarkowski.

But they had to hang onto their slender lead after Stephen Gleeson was sent off in the 87th minute for stamping on Alex Pritchard.

Birmingham boss Rowett said: "Clayton Donaldson was brilliant against his old team.

"He has been monumental this season and when we play that lone striking role he plays it as well as anyone. He physically imposes himself on the game and is such a great worker for the team."

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We scare the opposition, Stearman

RICHARD STEARMAN believes Wolves are "frightening the life" out of Championship teams with their attacking power.

Kenny Jackett's side made it three straight wins with Saturday's 1-0 victory at Cardiff and 13 goals scored in their last five since switching to a 4-4-2 formation, four of which have been won.

Stearman, man of the match at Cardiff after making two goal line clearances, believes the pace and power of match winner Bakary Sako, who took his tally to four goals in three games and 11 this season, Benik Afobe, Nouha Dicko and Rajiv Van La Parra mark Wolves out as a side to fear.

"We're scoring a lot of goals and our counter-attacking football is going to frighten the life out of any opposition we play at the moment," said the defender.

"We're managing to soak up the threats that the opposition are posing and counter-attacking ruthlessly. It's going well for us at the moment."

Saturday's win moved Wolves closer to the play-off zone and, with 12 games left, Stearman is convinced Jackett's side can make the top six.

"We believe it's possible, very much so," said the 27-year-old.

"We didn't perform particularly well against Norwich but we've bounced back with three superb performances and picked up some good points and we're right back in the hunt."

Stearman's two blocks were two of three with one from Kortney Hause and the former Leicester stopper believes Cardiff were more of a threat with 10 men after the dismissal of Peter Whittingham.

"I managed to get something on it to head it off the line," he said.

Old Wulfs' victory keeps up pressure in race for the title

Old Wulfrunians 6 Pershore 3

THIS game meantWulfs kept up the pressure on Bloxwich and now lead the league by two points, Bloxwich have a game in hand.

After an uneventful start, Wulfs took control in the first half, playing some real champagne hockey and putting the game beyond the visitors. Mark Wilson proved a handful, fed by Ablard to break into the area and create penalty corners.

But the goals came from open play despite a quality save from the away keeper, most notably when Griffiths sprinted across goal to touch in a precision pass. At the other end, the Wulfs goalie toed a close-range effort onto the post.

Ash Taylor made a return to the side and tormented Pershore with his electric pace on the right hand side of the pitch.

Wulfs were 4-0 up at half time and the game was effectively over. Pershore grabbed a goal back from a penalty corner, but every time they scored it seemed Wulfs could score again, ending with a fine effort as Ashworth unselfishly set up Tutton for the sixth.

Streetly 3rds 1 Old Wulfs 3rds 2

Blake backing Wolves for play-offs spot

Football

WOLVES have been backed to make the play-offs – because they have got the lot.

Former Molineux striker Nathan Blake, who watched their 1-0 victory at Cardiff on Saturday, reckons they have the quality in their ranks to finish in the top six.

"I fancy them to go as far as anyone – they're a solid, good, athletic outfit with a bit of pace, bit of power, bit of prowess – they've got it all," said Blake, who scored one of Wolves' goals in the 2003 play-off final win to the Premier League.

"On this form, I'd back them to make the play-offs and if this Wolves team doesn't, they should be very disappointed." Blake, 43, added: "Wolves look very good – they look strong, athletic and show plenty of good skill and power in their ranks.

"They have a good solid midfield – Kevin McDonald did very well on Saturday and Bakary Sako was brilliant. They've got a good mix – a bit of everything."

Blake believes Wolves need to show more urgency about their play to be even better.

"Kenny maybe just needs to get them moving the ball a bit quicker and if they do, I can't see any reason why they can't be right up there," said the former Wales frontman who scored 26 goals in 85 games in gold and black from 2001-04.

"You're talking about just polishing the edges for the final run-in. I think the only criticism of them on Saturday was they played in second gear.

"If they'd have ended up drawing that game, they'd have been so disappointed because they could have moved through the gears - there was so much more to come from them. They played really well and the only danger was that it was 1-0, so if Wolves drew or lost, they would have kicked themselves."

TARGET SPURS WOLVES SQUAD

Cardiff 0 Wolves 1

SINCE head coach Kenny Jackett set his team a target of 30 points from the final 15 games, they have won all three, leaving 21 to get from 12.

And since unfortunately losing to Bournemouth on December 6, Wolves have won nine and drawn three of the 14 games that followed.

Coincidence or not, that improvement has come since the introduction of supposed centre-backs Dominic Iorfa and Kortney Hause in the full-back positions.

Jackett and the players deserve huge credit because at the depth of their November nadir, most envisaged a winter of mid-table struggle.

But lessons have been learned quickly and they are evolving into a formidable Championship force.

Jackett is continually looking at ways to improve the team and when he gambled on a bold switch to 4-4-2 five games ago, he could not have envisaged just how successful it was going to be.

But four wins, 13 goals and three clean sheets later, his decision looks more than justified.

Formations

It's often said players and not formations win games, and Wolves couldn't have been happier with the impact of Benik Afobe and the return of Bakary Sako.

The Molineux men have won five and drawn two of their nine games since Afobe arrived from Arsenal. He has scored five goals while Sako, with four in his last three games, has cemented his place at the top of the club scoring charts with 11.

But the evidence isn't confined to mere statistics. As Jackett says, the fleet-footed Afobe has given Wolves another dimension.

It may seem strange to those who weren't there to witness it, but Wolves were more convincing in Saturday's 1-0 win over Cardiff than in the 5-0 over Rotherham seven days earlier.

Why? Because in the last two games, they have shown a capacity and maturity to see out games that was perhaps missing earlier in the season.

And the process of evolvement has manifested itself in other ways than the solid defence and the more potent attack. Sako's neat sidefooted match-winner in the 26th minute was one of only three chances for the visitors. Afobe, who brilliantly crafted the opening for the goal with a blistering run before slipping the ball to Van La Parra for a low cross deflected into Sako's path, had the other two.

He guided a free header over the bar from Sako's free-kick and later hit David Marshall's legs when Peter Whittingham's poor back-pass left him clean through.

It could be argued that Cardiff had more openings, but the hosts only showed the necessary urgency once Whittingham received his marching orders in the 65th minute for a second booking, lunging in on substitute Matt Doherty eight minutes after cynically tripping Afobe.

Any successful team needs luck, and it could be argued that Iorfa could have seen red before Whittingham for a late challenge that didn't bring a second booking. Jackett withdrew him immediately.

On the hour, Jones planted a towering header just wide, before the immaculate Richard Stearman and then Hause cleared off the line in a desperate 70th-minute scramble.

Stearman was there at the death to nod off the line from Jones' header.

Then came the whistle – and suddenly, you wouldn't bet against Wolves making that top six.

Rajiv van La Parra of Wolves battles against Sean Morrison of Cardiff City in Wales

Khalsa bump up comfort zone in table

Sporting Khalsa 3
Wolverhampton Casuals 0

NINE points now separate Sporting Khalsa and second-placed Bridgnorth with three games in hand for Ian Rowe's men after a comfortable win over Staffordshire side Wolverhampton Casuals.

Casuals mustered only one notable effort on goal during the match, a header from free-scoring striker Dan Westwood inches wide after brilliant work down the left from Jordan Uppal on 35 minutes, just after Khalsa had opened the scoring.

Just before the half hour, Khalsa thought they had scored the opener when Simeon Townsend headed home a Jackson corner, only for the ref to pull back play for a foul elsewhere.

Townsenddid play a part in the eventual first goal, feeding Mensah Kinch on 33 minutes to finish in style.

The lead was doubled on 41 minutes when Robinson was fouled in the box and Jackson smashed home the resulting penalty.

In the second half, Jackson had the chance to make it three when Bannister was chopped down in the box but smashed his second penalty against the bar.

Townsend effectively put the game to bed with a great left foot shot on 52 minutes after great link up work with Bannister.

Substitue Ben Hadley blazed a shot over on 70 minutes after good work by Brad Lawley and two minutes later Robinson headed just wide after a Lee Wherton corner.

Khalsa travel to face holders Tividale in the JW Hunt on Tuesday before entertaining Smethwick Rangers on Saturday, kick off 3pm.

TD let lead go to get share of the points

Team Dudley 1 Trysull 1

AFTER a free weekend Team Dudley entertained Trysull at The Dell Stadium.

Trysull have the meanest defence in the division, three of the 23 goals that they have conceded were actually in the reverse fixture as Team Dudley ran out 3-2 winners that day.

Second-from-bottom TD grabbed a point towards West Midlands Division One survival with a 1-1 home draw against Trysull.

Nathan Jones fired them in front after 48 minutes when he ran on to a James Hill pass and shot past keeper Mark Reach. The lead lasted three minutes, with Mark Cartwright heading home.

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